The following statements have been received from the Governments of Ceylon and India:

**CEYLON**

1. **Import Duties:**

   Artificial limbs and orthopaedic appliances are imported under the following tariff items:
   
   - Tariff No. 899 - 99.01 Artificial dentures, limbs and eyes
   - Tariff No. 861 - 03.99 Surgical medical and dental instruments and appliances

   Imports under these two items are free of duty.

2. **Suspension of Duties:**

   Not applicable.

3. **Import Restrictions:**

   There are no restrictions on imports of these items into Ceylon. They can be imported freely without an import licence.

4. **Formalities:**

   There are no trade or customs formalities which militate against the importation of artificial limbs and orthopaedic appliances into Ceylon.
5. **Statistical Information:**

It is not possible to furnish any statistical information on imports of artificial limbs and orthopaedic appliances as these items are not separately classified in the Ceylon customs statistics.

**INDIA**

1. **Import Duties:**

   Artificial limbs and orthopaedic appliances are classifiable under Indian Customs Tariff Item Nos. 58(1), 77(2) and 87.

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<td>Scientific and surgical instruments, apparatus and appliances</td>
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<td>All other articles not otherwise specified</td>
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2. **Suspension of Duties:**

   The rates of duty mentioned above are applied in full.

3. **Import Restrictions:**

   Import was allowed by established importers (i.e. importers who had made imports during any one year in the prescribed basic period) or actual users until the end of June 1957. From 1 July and up to 30 September 1957 no fresh licences are being issued for these items to established importers. The policy for the next six months is under consideration.

4. **Formalities:**

   Import licences are required to be obtained before effecting import.

5. **Statistical Information:**

   The required information is not available as separate statistics for this item were not maintained during 1955.

**Comments**

The Government of India has considered the matter, but in view of the balance-of-payments situation confronting the country at present it is not possible to make the proposed relaxations.