

indigenously produced components of Shaktiman Trucks is higher *inter alia* for the following reasons:—

- (i) The quantities of components produced are limited as the total production is small. The production is, therefore, uneconomic.
- (ii) The components are being mostly produced on general purpose machines. Special purpose machines, as used in countries abroad, would enable a much greater volume of production at a comparatively low cost. It has not, however, been possible to go in, in all cases, for such special purpose machines, due to the high capital cost involving foreign exchange etc.

2. The cost of indigenously produced components is generally higher in the automobile industry in this country. This question has been, *inter alia*, considered by the Jha Committee.

(b) A proposal to augment the present production of vehicles is under consideration of the Government.

Disturbances in Calcutta

***592. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Defence personnel deployed in Calcutta to deal with the disturbances there in January, 1964; and

(b) the extent to which they were successful in performing the tasks allotted to them?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Due to widespread communal disturbances in Calcutta, the Government of West Bengal asked for Army assistance on 11th January, 1964. Troops available in Calcutta were deployed the same day, and more troops were moved to Calcutta from outside, by rail and air from 13th to 15th January. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the number of troops deployed.

(b) The situation was brought well under control within two days of the Army's taking over, i.e. by 13th January, although intensive patrolling continued for sometime there-after.

H. & S. Factory, Kanpur

***594. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the army boots manufactured in Government Harness and Saddlery Factory, Kanpur are cheaper by rupees two per pair than boots supplied by the trade;

(b) if so, the reason why the present capacity of Boot Plant is not being expanded to meet the growing demand of the army; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce the price of boots supplied by the trade?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes, Sir. The latest known cost of production at Harness & Saddlery Factory, Kanpur is Rs. 17.84 nP. per pair as compared to the trade price of Rs. 20.10 nP., both inclusive of packing charges.

(b) The full production capacity of the Harness & Saddlery Factory, which is 25000 pairs of Boots Ankle per month is being utilised in (double shift) and the capacity available in the Civil Sector is also being harnessed for meeting Services requirements.

(c) Orders on trade are placed after inviting tenders on competitive basis and after comparing the cost of production in public sector undertakings.

Border Roads

***596. Shri K. C. Pant:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisation has completed the targets of roads construction in the middle sector of the India-China Border;