

**THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is to enter into a contract on long-term basis

(c) The foreign exchange expenditure will depend on the quantities and the rates settled

**Production of Cars and Buses**

417 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA.

SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the targets for production of cars and buses fixed by Government during the Fourth Five Year Plan,

(b) the extent to which the targets have been achieved,

(c) if the targets have not been achieved, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to achieve the target production?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):**

(a) The demand for cars by the end of 1973-74 has been assessed as 75,000 Nos. per annum and for commercial vehicles 85,000 Nos. per annum including 18,000 buses.

(b) Production of cars and buses has been as under during the last three years:

	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73 (Upto Dec. 1972)
Cars	35,819	40,561	40,039
Buses	9,732	11,455	6,873

(c) Reasons are inadequate capacities and consumer preferences resulting in sub-optimal use of installed capacity

(d) Government have approved several schemes for the manufacture of cars in the private sector. Expansion schemes of the two units manufacturing commercial vehicles, whose products enjoy consumer preference, have been approved. Steps have also been taken to assist the units whose products are not so popular to improve their quality and performance so that their production can be utilised to fill up the gap between demand and supply. Fresh schemes for creating additional capacity for commercial vehicles have also been approved

**Development of Petrol-less and Battery Driven Car at C.M.E., Kirkee**

418 SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCIA Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether a petrol-less and battery-driven car has been developed by the College of Military Engineering, Poona and has been tested and found road-worthy by its staff; and

(b) if so whether its feasibility for mass-scale production has been recommended by the College authorities?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):**

(a) The College of Military Engineering, Poona has assembled a petrol-less car powered by two units of batteries rated at 16V each with a total amp. of 240. The car has an endurance of approximately 50 Kilometers and its performance for this range of 50 KMS has been tested by the College of Military Engineering and found satisfactory.

(b) The fabrication of the car has been undertaken to infuse confidence in the staff and to impart dynamic

training to the students. As such, the question of feasibility for mass scale production has not been examined.

#### Shortage of Commercial Vehicles

419 DR RANEN SEN Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a shortage of commercial vehicles in the country,

(b) if so the extent of shortage, and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b) There is a shortage of commercial vehicles of two popular makes. Customers have to wait for about 1-1/2 to 2 years for getting delivery of these makes of vehicles.

(c) Government have permitted three of the existing manufacturers to expand their production capacity. Government have also approved four new schemes envisaging a total capacity of 54,000 vehicles per annum.

#### Scooter Plant in Public Sector

420 DR RANEN SEN Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the progress made in setting up a Scooter plant in the public sector; and

(b) the expenditure incurred in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD)

(a) A Company by the name of Scooters India Ltd has been incorporated. Land measuring 110 acres has been acquired at Lucknow and civil construction work has started. Most

of the machinery has arrived from Italy and the rest is expected to be received within the next two months.

(b) An expenditure of about Rs 1.66 crores has so far been incurred.

Advice sought from Government for payment of Difference in price of Flat Car

421 SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether some of the customers who received notices from the dealers of Premier Automobiles for paying the difference in price have sought guidance from his Ministry, and

(b) the advice tendered to these customers by the Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes Sir

(b) No advice has been tendered by the Government.

#### Low production of Steel Mills due to Faulty Planning

422 SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the actual production in the public sector mills is much less than the total installed capacity especially in the Steel Mills,

(b) whether it was due to bad planning and inadequate stock of spare parts, and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against the Officers responsible for this negligence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) The actual production in terms of ingot