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Foreign Components in Maruti Vehicles

4406. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of foreign components in various types of Maruti vehicles;

(b) the steps taken to manufacture all components in the country; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The percentage of foreign components in various types of Maruti vehicles as on 31st July, 1990 is as follows:—

Car	7.93%
Omni	10.72%
Gypsy	33.67%

(b) and (c) It will not be cost effective, or beneficial to achieve 100% local content in Maruti vehicles. Maruti Udyog Ltd., has planned to achieve around 95% indigenisation for the car.

Realignment
Conversion of Trichy-Nagore Line

4407. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for conversion of the Trichy-Nagore (via Thanjavur metre gauge railway line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to undertake this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

AC (a) 10/10/85
Salary and other benefits to Draughtsmen in BHEL

4408. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several memoranda have been submitted by draughtsmen working in the BHEL, Bhopal regarding their service conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the BHEL management in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main demand of draughtsmen is upgradation of their induction level. The issue is under consideration of the Sub-Committee on Promotion Policy constituted by the Apex level Bi-Partite Forum in BHEL.

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Shortage of LPG in Bhopal

4409. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Bhopal faced shortage of LPG supply;

(b) if so, the reasons and the steps Government intend taking to ensure that such a situation does not arise in future;

(c) whether LPG supply comes from places situated at long distances resulting in avoidable and wasteful transportation of LPG;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to rationalize the entire distribution system with a view to checking wasteful consumption of diesel arising out of the criss-cross routes of the LPG movement from the filling stations to the retail outlets; and

(e) if so, when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported recently in Bhopal on account of constraints in the bulk availability of LPG, apart from transportation problems. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure regular supplies to the consumers.