

into competition on trade union matters?

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion for action.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Sir, I would like to clarify my question.

Mr. Speaker: He put a question which is a suggestion for action.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: I want to know whether the Government is aware that during this emergency it is absolutely essential that industrial peace is maintained and no attempt should be made to disturb that by allowing the workers to enter into competition on trade union basis.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Government aware that there ought to be a desire for peace at this moment?

Shri C. Subramaniam: We are aware of it.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether in the absence of any proper leadership in the unions the Government is intending to strengthen the welfare organisations which are working within the framework of the Heavy Electricals factory to voice the grievances of the workers and to satisfy them?

Shri C. Subramaniam: There are already four unions there, and the question is to avoid competition between these unions. I am glad to state that in the present emergency

as far as the workers are concerned they have come forward to work in a united way, and we should take full advantage of it.

Price of Scooters

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*342. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether scooter manufacturers have decided to decrease the price of scooters; and

(b) if so, the details of the reduction by each manufacturer?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

In fixing the prices of scooters, at the initial stage of manufacture, Government proceed on the basis of the estimated cost of production and the price in the country of origin. Thereafter, prices are reviewed from time to time on the basis of detailed cost examination undertaken by Government. The prices of scooters fixed in this manner in October, 1962, are as below:—

	Retail Selling Price ¹ before the recent fixa- tion.	Retail Selling Price after the recent fixa- tion.	Remarks
	Rs.	Rs..	
1. Lambretta 150 c.c.	1800+30 for two tone	1883+30 for two tone	On the basis of detailed cost examination.
2. Verpa 150 c.c.	1964	1883+30 for two tone	On the basis of detailed cost examination.
3. Fantabulus 173 c.c.	Does not arise	2575/-	Initial Price fixation on the basis of estimated cost and price in the country of origin.

In fixing the prices, the fact that Vespa and Lambretta 150 c.c. are both of Italian make and sell in Italy for about the same price has been taken into consideration.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know which of the parts of the scooters assembled here are manufactured here?

Mr. Speaker: That would be going into the details. The hon. Member had asked whether scooter manufacturers have decided to decrease the price of scooters. That answer has not been given. Is it given in the statement?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes. For example, in the case of Vespa it has been cut down by Rs. 81.

Mr. Speaker: I could not find a direct answer whether they have decided to decrease the price.

Shri C. Subramaniam: Yes, Sir; from Rs. 1964 which was the original price it has come down to Rs. 1883.

Shri Subodh Hansda: From the statement I find that the prices have been fixed of the Italian made Lambretta and Vespa. If so, may I know whether all the scooters that are at present sold in the market are imported from Italy or they are manufactured here?

Shri C. Subramaniam: While some of the parts are manufactured here, some components are still imported.

श्री प्र० सि० सहगल : श्री टि० टि० कृष्णमाचारा साहब ने अपने व्याख्यान में बताया था कि स्कूटर का प्राइस में फरदर रिडक्शन होगा। क्या उस पर विचार किया जा रहा है ?

Shri C. Subramaniam: No doubt, it was mentioned by Shri T. T. Krishnamachari that the price of scooters should be brought down to Rs. 1,500. But that is not possible in the present circumstances, unless we in-

crease the scale of production in the factories.

Shri R. S. Pandey: Shri T. T. Krishnamachari has made the further statement that if the prices of scooters do not come down then Government may think of taking over factories to produce them themselves.

Shri C. Subramaniam: Whoever manufactures it, unless the scale of production is round about 50,000 to 100,000, it is not possible to bring down the prices.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : हम में नेटस्ट वायदा १५०० रुपये का किया गया था। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि १५०० रुपये वाला वायदा किस कम्पनी में पूरा कराया जा रहा है ?

प्रध्यक्ष महोदय : वह तो उन्होंने ने कह दिया।

Shri Narendra Singh Mahida: How many types of scooters are being produced in the country?

Shri C. Subramaniam: Already three types are being produced. Two more have been licensed.

Motor Tyre Manufacturing Factory

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*343. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a motor tyre manufacturing factory is going to be set up as a result of Indo-Czech collaboration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A licence has been granted to M/s. General Tyres Ltd., Calcutta, for the manufacture of 1,80,000 tyres