

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Ministry of Law is in a position to give advice or instructions to the Universities in India about the legal education and, if so, what advice they have rendered to the Universities during the last one year?

Shri A. K. Sen: The Ministry of Law does not advise the Universities. It advises the Government and helps the Government in formulating its policy concerning legal education. The matter of legal education is actively under the consideration of the Government and in consultation with the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council, we hope to achieve some uniform standards all over India. But how soon it will come about and how quickly we can formulate our proposals will depend upon various matters.

Shortage of Tyres and Tubes

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 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the short supply of motor, truck and bicycle tyres and tubes in the market;

(b) whether an assessment has been made of the production capacity in the country and to what extent it falls short of the actual requirements; and

(c) if so, the extent of shortfall and how it is proposed to be met?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). There is no shortage of motor, truck and bicycle tyres and tubes in the market. In fact there is a glut in motor and truck tyre market as the production is more than the requirements. The existing production capacity of cycle tyres and tubes is adequate to meet the immediate demands. There is, however, a strong consumers' preference for a particular brand, but there is no evidence of an overall

short supply of cycle tyres in the market as tyres of most of the other brands are easily available.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In reply to a question a little earlier, the hon. Minister had said that Government had licensed another factory for manufacture of tubes and tyres. May I know the reason for giving licence for setting up such company when at the moment, according to the reply which the hon. Minister has given just now, there is no shortage in the market?

Shri Kanungo: I have said that more licence is necessary for distribution. There is no price control, and there is not even control of production.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: My question has not been answered. I know and many others also know that there is a shortage of certain brands of tyres and tubes in the country. That was why I had asked the question. In reply to a question a little earlier the hon. Minister had stated that a new company was being set up for the simple reason that that would augment the supplies of tyres and tubes. But, if as the hon. Minister has just now stated, there is no shortage, what was the necessity for giving licence for the setting up of another factory for manufacture of tyres and tubes?

Shri Kanungo: The last question which I was answering was about motor and truck tyres. The present question is about all tyres. In this connection, I have stated that there is no shortage of bicycle tyres; of course, there is no shortage of motor and truck tyres also. As regards bicycle tyres, although there is no shortage, there is a demand for particular brands, and there may be shortage of those brands in some places.

RE. CONDITIONS IN MANA CAMP

Shri Mohammad Elias: Before you proceed to the short notice question, may I seek one information from you? Yesterday, regarding the conditions