we will take into consideration their opinions and we will try  $t_0$  accommodate them. After all, we learn from their experience also.

भी रा० स० तिवारी: ग्रभी मंती जी ने बताया है कि वह 111 खानों को सेंट्रलाइज करने जा रहे हैं। मैं यह जानना जाहता हूं कि क्या उन में मध्य प्रदेश की कोयले की खानें भी शामिल हैं।

Shri Sanjiya Reddy: No, Sir. We have not taken Madhya Pradesh.

श्वी बड़े: जो एमलगमेशन हो रहा है, क्या उस में यह दृष्टिकोण रखा जा रहा है कि स्टेट-वाइज ग्रलग-ग्रलग एमल-गमेशन हो ?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: Most of the small mines are concentrated in Jhuria area. Therefore, they are being considered now and lafer on it could be extended to other areas also.

Shri Bade: My question was whether it would be State-wise.

Shri Sanijiva Reddy: When we take up work in any particular State, that State's views will also be considered.

## **Production of Scooters**

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Shri M. R. Krishna: Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri Yashpal Singh; Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad Shri Himatsingka: Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

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

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to increase the production of scooters in the country;

(b) the number of new firms licensed to manufacture scooters; and (c) the extent to which the existing firms have been helped to increase their production capacity?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (c). Government have decided to license additional capacity for the manufacture of scooters. For this purpose, interested parties including the existing producers have been invited to submit the necessary applications by the 31st May, 1965.

भी म० सा० दिवेदी : स्कूटर्ख की बढ़ती हुई मांग को दुष्टि में रखते हुए सरकार इनके उत्पादन की क्षमता कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ाने के लिए प्रस्तुत है ग्रौर यह काम कब सक स्वीकृत हो जायेगा ?

श्वी त्रि० ना० सिंह : क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए हमेशा उद्योग हम लोग करते रहते हैं .

भी म० ला० दिवेदीः मैंने पूछा है कितने प्रतिशत ?

श्वी त्रि० ना० सिंह : 1963 में जहां 26,500 स्कूटर्ज बनाये गये थे वहां 1964 में 37,000 बनाये गये । इस तरह मे चालीस प्रतिशत की वृद्धि एक वर्ष में हो गई । यही कोशिश बराबर की जा रही है । ज्यों ज्यों इनके इंडिजिनस कम्पोनेंट्स बढ़ते जायेंगे त्यों-त्यों सुविधा होती जायेगी ।

श्री म० ला० दिवेदी: ज्यों-ज्यों देश में बने हुए पुर्जे प्रक्रिक माता में उपलब्ध होते जाते हैं त्यों-त्यों यहां उत्पादित स्कूटर्च प्रौर कारों के दामों में भी दृदि होती खा रही है। उदाहरण के लिए एम्बैसेडर कार के दाम बार मौ रुपये के करीब बढाये...

ग्रभ्यक महोबव : उदाइरण की जरूरत नहीं है ।

भी म॰ सा॰ डिवेबी: मैं जानेना बाहता हूँ कि स्कूटर्ड के बामों में मी बसी प्रकार बढि होने की क्या सम्जावनां है ?

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भी त्रि॰ ना॰ सिंह : जहां तक एंसिलरी भौर स्पेयर पाटर्स की बात है, हम उन की प्राइस के बारे में जांच तो करते ही रहे हैं। लेकिन मेरे खयाल में उन पर जरूरत से ज्यादा दोषारोपण किया जा रहा है।

वो म० ला० द्विवेवीः दाम बढ़ने जा रहे हैं या नहीं, इस का उत्तर नहीं दिया है।

भी त्रि० ना० सिंहः यह भविष्य के गर्भमें है।

भी म० ला० दिवेवी : मभी एलान किया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि ये बढ़ाये आ रहे हैं या नहीं ?

प्राम्पक्ष महोदयः जवाब दिया जा चुकाहै, दुबारा नहीं पूछा जा सकता है।

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know the percentage of parts that are imported at present, and what arrangements are being made to manufacture them in the country?

Shri T. N. Singh: It varies fro.n make to make. For instance, in regard to the Lambretta scooter. the percentage is only 19 per cent; that is the imported content; in the case of others, the indigenous content is 80 per cent. 75 per cent., 60 per cent. and so on. But in no case is the indigenous confent less than 60 per cent. So 40 per cent in some cases and 19 per cent and so on in some other cases is being imported, so far as foreign components are concerned.

भी यद्यापाल सिंह : एक तरफ तो भाप कहते हैं कि मिडिल क्लास के लोगों के लिए हम स्कूटर्भ बना रहे हैं भीर दूसरी तरफ भापने पांच सौ रुपये माहवार से कम पाने बालों को कैंद कर रखा है । बड़े भादमी तो स्कूटर्भ भी ले लेते हैं कारें भी ले लेते है । लेकिन जो छोटे लोग हैं उनके हिस्से में कुछ नहीं म्राता है । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार उनके बारे में क्या कर रही है ?

श्वी त्रि० ना० सिंह : स्कूटर ग्रीर मोटर साइकिल ग्रीर इसके साथ साथ छोटा ग्राटो साइकल, इन तीनों के बारे में हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं । हम कोशिश कर रहे है कि कम कीमत वाली चीजें ग्रायें ताकि कम भामदनी वाले ग्रधिक फायदा उठा सकें । इसी वजह से हमने यह खयाल रखा है कि नए नए लाइसेंस दिये जायें ताकि इस किस्म की चीजें बनाई जा सकें ।

भी यशपाल सिंह : कब तक हो जाएगा ?

भी त्रि० ना० सिंह: यह कहना बड़ा मुक्तिल है।

Shri A. P. Jain: It has been a common malaise of the engineering inlustry, particularly in regard to motor cars, tractors and scooters that far too many units are licensed which produce small quantities in an unecononic manner. Will there be an end of this disastrous policy, and in the case of scooters, will the hon. Minister please take care to see that these units are not multiplied but they are increased in size?

Shri T. N. Singh: I think my hoa. friend would have been very much satisfied if he had just cared to see the notification issued for inviting applications for new licences. We have emphasised the need for larger units for this purpose so that there would be reconomy of scale.

Shri A. P. Jain: The hon. Minister should do it, because he is not doing it now.

भी क० ना० तिवारी: समाचार पतों में यह बात ग्राई है कि स्कूटर्ज ग्रौर मोटर बाइक्स बनाने के लिए जो लाइसेंस दिये जाते हैं उनकी ग्रब जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी ग्रौर जो लोग बनाना चाहेंगे बना सकेंगे । ग्रगर इस तरह से होता है तो उनके लिए फारेन एक्सचेंज की जो जरूरत होगी, उसका क्या इंतजाम होगा ?

भी त्रि॰ ना॰ सिंहः किसी विशेष बखबार की बात जो कही गई है, इसका धुझे ज्ञान नहीं है। मगर मुझे मालूम हो बाए तो मैं देख कर बता सकता हं।

## Woollen Yarn Spinning Mills Ludhiana

+ Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Shri P. C. Borcoah: Shri R. Barua: \*601 { Shri Yashpal Singh: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka; Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Maheswar Naik;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1000 workers were recently laid off following the suspension of work in the woollen yarn spinning mills in Ludhiana, Punjab, because of shortage of raw materials;

(b) if so, the number of mills which had suspended work; and

(c) the steps taken to supply adequate raw materials to those mills?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

## Statement

(a) 400 workers are reported to have been laid off consequent on some woollen spinning mills having partially or fully closed down recently in Ludhiana because of the shortage of wool tops.

(b) Except for two mills which have completely suspended work, no other mill in Ludhiana is completely out of work at present.

(c) The problem of shortage of raw material viz. imported raw wool is of a general nature arising out of the difficult foreign exchange situation

and is not related only to these twomills. As a result of sustantial reduction in the foreign exchange allocation, the actual users quota for import of raw material has been reduced in the case of all the mills in the woollen industry. Mills could improve their raw material position by taking advantage of the Export Promotion and also by using Scheme larger quantities of Indian wool and by utilising synthetics for admixture with wool.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: In view of the difficult foreign exchange situation, may I know whether Government have asked the spinning mills concerned to take advantage of the export promotion scheme, and if so, with what results?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: They know that there is an export promotion scheme under which they will get entitlements, but they, the concerned mills are not interested in exports.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: What steps have been taken to see that the use of imported wool is now replaced by the use of indigenous wool so that synthetics for admixture with wool may be used here for profitable employment to the employees concerned?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The policy is to encourage the use of indigencus wool. As a matter of fact, it has increased from 19 million lbs in 1961-62 to 63 million lbs in 1962-63 and so on. But there is a limitation to it. We have got a production of only about 72.75 million lbs in this country, and efforts are being made to increase the production and supply of indigenous wool.

Shri R. Barua: From the statement, I find that the mills are requested to use more of Indian wool. What is the supply position of Indian wool vis-avis the demand?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The supply is limited by the quantity produced in the country. As I said earlier, it is about 72|75 million lbs. We are trying