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**HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE**

*Friday, 18th December, 1953*

*The House met at Half Past One of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

**MEMBER SWORN**

Shrimati Ila Pal Choudhury (Nabad-wip).

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**PRICE OF CARS**

\*1096. **Shri S. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state the extent to which the prices of cars assembled by the indigenous production Units have been brought down, as a result of the reduction in import duty on the component parts?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 9.]

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** How many manufacturing firms have submitted to the Government their manufacturing programmes, and how many of them have been accepted by Government?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Actually I think three, Sir.

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** May I know whether any export programme has been submitted by these manufacturing firms and, if so, whether any refund of import duty is also contemplated?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice of the question. But some

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time back there was a small attempt at export, but it was not very much.

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** May I know whether the percentage of fall in the prices can be approximately given?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We have given the actual figures. For instance in respect of Plymouth the price before reduction was Rs. 21,555 and after reduction it is Rs. 19,360. The detailed figures have been given in the statement. My friend could easily work out the percentage.

**Shri Jethalal Joshi:** Is it a fact that the car Hindustan of indigenous make, is the same as Morris with only change in name and with increased cost?

**Shri Karmarkar:** With this difference, that the majority of the parts are manufactured in India and no increase in cost.

**LOCAL COAL CESS**

\*1097. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local coal cess charged on despatches of coal from coal mines is uniform throughout the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the present rates of local cess in different parts of the country?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** (a) No.