

(b) if so, whether Russian Technicians, who will be associated with the project, have reached India;

(c) whether the project will be an integrated multi-purpose unit; and

(d) if so, what will be the nature of operations to be undertaken by the project and the extent of Soviet aid made available in terms of agreement?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Yes, Sir. We have been informed by the Government of Rajasthan that they have decided to set up Palana Lignite Corporation.

(b) The matter regarding association of foreign technicians and the country from which they should be drawn is under consideration of the Government of Rajasthan.

(c) The present thinking is to make it an integrated project.

(d) The mining will be both underground and open cast. The question of Soviet aid does not arise at present.

Scooter Manufacturing Unit in West Bengal

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Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have made special request for considering favourably the proposal of setting up of a new scooter manufacturing unit at a suitable place in the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the demand of scooters is already out of all proportion to the supply in West Bengal and that one has to wait for at least 3 years in Calcutta to buy a Vespa; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a legislative measure for gradual abolition of slow-moving traffic has been kept in abeyance for want of scooters and auto-vehicles?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) The Government of West Bengal had recommended the grant of a licence to a particular party for the manufacture of scooters, auto-cycles and mopeds. This recommendation was not however, accepted as sufficient capacity has already been licensed for the manufacture of these types of vehicles to meet the anticipated requirements by the end of the Third Plan period.

(b) The demand for scooters in the country is in excess of the actual production at present and customers in every part of the country have to wait for long periods for buying a scooter. The low production is due to foreign exchange difficulties. When the licensed manufacturers reach capacity production they will be able to meet the entire demand in the country.

(c) The Government of India do not have under consideration any legislative measure for the gradual abolition of slow-moving traffic.

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११५. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर बिहार के चम्पारन, मुजफ्फरपुर, दरभंगा, सहरसा