

(b) whether any complaints to this effect have been received from the trade; and

(c) if so, the action taken to stop this bad practice which causes heavy losses to the tobacco-curing industry and reduces the return to tobacco growers?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Quality of Cars Manufactured in India

5032. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
 Shri S. S. Kothari:
 Shri Brij Raj Singh Kotah.
 Shri P. N. Solanki:
 Shri K. K. Nayar:
 Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
 Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
 Shri N. K. Sanghi:
 Shri Bedabrata Barua.
 Shri Y. A. Prasad:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri Yajna Dutt Sharma:
 Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
 Shri Nathn Ram Ahirwar.
 Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary.
 Shri Marandi:
 Shri R. K. Amin:
 Shri Kamachandra J. Amin.
 Shri Girraj Saran Singh.
 Shri Mehrajji:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a constant deterioration in the quality of cars manufactured in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have fixed any standard for the cars manufactured in India and if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether there is any statutory compulsion to enforce acceptance of quality and specifications laid down by Government; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to bring any legislation?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Complaints about defects in the quality of cars manufactured in India have recently been on the increase.

(b) and (c). While Government have themselves not so far laid down any standards for quality of motor vehicles, the need for maintaining the quality of their products has been impressed from time to time on the manufacturers of automobiles and ancillary items. All the automobile manufacturers in the country have collaboration arrangements with reputed foreign companies in the line. They are expected to make their product according to the specifications and standards of quality of similar vehicles made by their collaborators.

(d) Government are setting up a Committee to go into the causes of deterioration in the quality of indigenously manufactured cars and to suggest remedial measures.

Durgapur Steel Plant.

5033. Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri D. N. Patodia:
 Shri Ramavatar Shastri:
 Shri K. M. Madhukar:

Will the Minister of Steel Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a loss of Rs. 21 crores is estimated in 1967-68 for the Durgapur Steel Plant on account of which the Plant faces the danger of imminent closure;

(b) if so, the reasons for this estimated loss and how it compares with the losses that the Plant suffered in the four preceding years;

(c) whether any drastic measures for the rehabilitation of the Plant are contemplated, and

(d) if so, a brief account thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir. The estimated loss likely to occur-