

and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of concerns manufacturing scooters, the places where they manufacture and the annual output of each manufacturer;

(b) the selling prices of different scooters;

(c) the approximate annual demand of scooters in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to provide facilities for the expansion of scooter manufacture;

(e) if so, what facilities are intended; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) A statement giving the names of the scooter manufacturers, their licensed capacities, their annual production since 1964 and the places where their factories are situated is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No LT-949/67].

(b) The current ex-factory retail selling prices of the scooters under production are indicated below.

Make of scooter	Ex-factory retail selling price
Lambretta scooter	2,369.63
Vespa scooter	2,402.00
Pantabulus scooter (self-starter)	1,200.00

The above prices are exclusive of excise duty and other taxes payable on the complete vehicles.

(c) The demand for scooters alone has not been assessed separately. The Third Plan target for this industry (including scooter/motorcycle/moped three-wheeler etc.) was 60,000 Nos. per annum. The tentative Fourth Plan capacity and production targets are as under:—

Capacity target Nos. per annum	Production target Nos. per annum
1,50,00	1,20,00

(d) to (f). The scooter industry has now been included in the list of prio-

rity industries eligible for release of foreign exchange to the full extent of their installed capacity. It is expected that with the foreign exchange assistance provided to the industry, the production of scooters during 1967 will be about twice that achieved during 1966.

Hindustan Machine Tools

4257. Shri Baburao Patel: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the firm appointed as their sole selling agents by the Hindustan Machine Tools, Ltd.;

(b) the capital of this firm and the names of its Directors;

(c) the details of the agreement with this firm;

(d) whether this firm was appointed as sole selling agents after calling in offers from other firms and if so, which other firms; and

(e) what special consideration helped the Hindustan Machine Tools to select this particular firm in preference to others?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Hindustan Machine Tools Limited have appointed Messrs Mahindra and Mahindra Limited, as their Sole Selling Agents for Automatic Lathes and Messrs. Hindustan Export and Import Corporation Private Limited as Sole Selling Agents for Horizontal Boring Machines.

(b) Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.

(i) Paid up capital—

Ordinary	Rs. 2.64 crores
Preference	Rs. 0.55 crores

Total Rs. 3.19 crores

(ii) Directors:

Sarvagshri Keshub Mahindra (Chairman); H. S. Malik; Stephen A. Girad; Akbar Hydari; H. V. R. Iengar; Aloke K. Mitra; H. C. Mahindra; I. Chatterjee; Yoginder N. Mafatal and B. R. Sule.

Hindustan Export and Import Corporation Private Ltd.

(i) Paid up Capital | Rs. 5 lacs.

(ii) Directors:

Sarvashri S R. Grover and K K Grover and Smt. K. Grover.

(c) The agreements are for a period of three years each. The commission payable to the Agents is 7-1/2 per cent of the sale price of basic machine and special accessories; 10 per cent for tooling and 20 per cent for spare parts

(d) and (e). As a part of their diversification programme, Hindustan Machine Tools Limited plan to manufacture, for the first time and with foreign collaboration, new and sophisticated machine tools such as "FAY" Automatic Lathes and Horizontal Boring Machines. At present, the Company do not have the necessary Organisation for rendering effective after-sales service for these machines and it is estimated that it would take them at least three years to build up an efficient Organisation for this purpose. They have, therefore, considered it necessary that the parties who have hitherto been representing in India, the foreign collaborators and have been attending to the after-sales service of the imported machines, should be appointed as the Company's sole selling agents for three years

National Instruments Ltd.

4858. Shri Ganesh Ghosh: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that clinical thermometers produced in the National Instruments Ltd., Jadavpur, Calcutta can successfully compete both in quality and in price with all the other best thermometers available in India.

(b) the average monthly production rate there;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to stop its production; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) The clinical thermometer produced by National Instruments Ltd., Calcutta can successfully compete with other best thermometers in point of

quality though it is somewhat costlier than some of them.

(b) 12000 to 15000 Nos.

(c) and (d). The management of the National Instruments Ltd. have decided to close the clinical thermometry section as it was incurring losses due to the cost of production being higher

National Instruments, Ltd.

4859. Shri Ganesh Ghosh: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that instruments such as level dumpy, pressure gauge, produced in the National Instruments, Ltd are much in demand in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that orders have been issued to completely stop the production of such instruments, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). Owing to the general slump in the engineering industries, particularly in the instrument manufacturing line, sales of level dumpy, pressure gauges etc. produced by the National Instruments Ltd. dwindled and stocks accumulated. The Company have, therefore, stopped production of dumpy levels, Engineers levels and Prismatic Compasses for the present.

Grade Posts (Ministerial)

4860. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of 25 men was finalised in 1964 for selection of Grade Posts (Ministerial) on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of candidates called for such a selection: