

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN ;  
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH ;  
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA ;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a letter dated the 22nd May, 1969 from the Hon. Secretary of the Delhi Wax Candle Manufacturers Association (Regd.), Delhi in connection with the fixation of rates for paraffin in Delhi ; and

(b) If so, the details of the letter and the replies thereto and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association complained of higher rates being charged in Delhi in comparison with Madras, Bombay and Calcutta, by M/s. Burmah Shell Oil Co. (Bombay). As there is no statutory control over price of wax, Government has not fixed any rates for it. The Association was informed accordingly.

#### Fixation of Price of Wax for Delhi

2346. SHRI DEVAN SEN ;  
SHRI D. R. PARMAR ;  
SHRI KIKAR SINGH ;  
SHRI GUNANAD THAKUR ;  
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA ;  
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD ;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of the Delhi Wax Candle Manufacturers Association (Regd.) has written letters dated the 4th July, 1969 to his Addl. Private Secretary as well as to the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) of his Ministry in connection with the fixation of rates of wax for Delhi.

(b) if so, the details of the letters and

the replies thereto ; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). The Association complained of higher rates being charged in Delhi in comparison with Madras, Bombay and Calcutta, by M/s. Burmah Shell Oil Co. (Bombay). As there is no statutory control over prices of wax, Govt. has not fixed any rates for it. The Association was informed accordingly.

#### Production of passenger cars

2347. SHRI BABURAO PATEL ;  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Motors has submitted a proposal for increasing their capacity for manufacturing passenger cars to 80,000 per annum and, if so, when and with what result;

(b) whether the Premier Automobiles had also submitted a proposal to increase their annual production capacity to 60,000 cars and, if so, when and with what results ;

(c) why is manufacture of a small car at lower prices sought when the existing manufacturing units are prepared to manufacture more cars which will automatically bring down the prices; and

(d) how much smaller is the proposed small car going to be than the present Standard car in which a tall person has to fold himself to be accommodated?'

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). In June, 1965, M/s. Hindustan Motors had submitted a proposal for increasing their capacity for

the manufacture of passenger cars to 70,000 to 80,000 cars per annum. In a letter dated the 11th May, 1968 addressed to the Planning Commission, M/s. Premier Automobiles had also proposed to increase their capacity to 50,000 cars per annum in three stages. However, no applications under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 had been received from the firms in this regard.

No final decision on the car expansion proposals of the firms was taken pending a decision on the general question as to the manner in which additional capacity for the manufacture of passenger cars should be created.

(c) Government are of the view that if a small car adequate for an average family of about five and of dependable quality is to be made available to the public at a price substantially lower than the prevailing prices of the cars at present manufactured in the country, It would be necessary to set up a new unit of an economic size equipped with upto date machinery.

(d) A final decision on the choice of the small car to be taken up for manufacture in new unit is still to be taken.

#### Strikes in Durgapur Steel Plant

2348. SHRI BABURAO PATEL ; Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production at the Durgapur Steel Plant has gone down considerably on account of strikes and absenteeism and, if so, the number of strikes that took place in the last two years and monthly percentage of absenteeism during this period;

(b) whether it is a fact that absent workers demand wages for furlough period and threaten violence when refused; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the arrival of a team of British experts has been postponed because of the prevailing indiscipline in the workshops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY

ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir. A team from the U. K. visited Durgapur during the first week of November, 1969.

#### कटिहार रेलवे स्टेशन (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) का नवीकरण

2349. श्री लखन लाल कपूर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में कटिहार स्टेशन मीटर गेज लाइन का सबसे बड़ा तथा मुख्य स्टेशन है और वहां से प्रति दिन सौ से अधिक रेलगाड़ियां छूटती हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त स्टेशन बहुत पुराना है और आधुनिक स्तर के अनुसार नहीं है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि वहां सफाई, आवास आदि के बारे में बहुत दुर्ब्यवस्था है जिसका लोगों के स्वास्थ्य पर बहुत कुप्रभाव पड़ता है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस स्टेशन को नया रूप देने के लिए क्या योजना बनाई गई है और यह नवीकरण कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

बिधि तथा समाज कल्याण और रेलवे मंत्री (श्री गोविन्द मेनन) : (क) पूर्वोत्तर सीमा रेलवे पर कटिहार स्टेशन मीटर लाइन का सबसे बड़ा और मुख्य स्टेशन नहीं है। इस समय इस स्टेशन पर 14 जोड़ी ऐसी गाड़ियां आती जाती हैं, जिनकी यात्रा यहीं पर समाप्त हो जाती है। इनके अलावा 8 जोड़ी सीधे जाने वाली सवारी गाड़ियां भी आती जाती हैं। इस स्टेशन पर प्रतिदिन 27 अप और डाउन पर्यन्त माल गाड़ियों की सप-लाई का काम भी होता है।