

(b) The production of Bed Type Milling Machine has since started. The production of Sliding Headstock Automatics will be taken up during 1973-74. As regards the Heavy Duty Engine Lathes, prototypes, since assembled are undergoing trials, on completion of which regular production will be taken up.

Foreign Collaborations with Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

1423. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., have renewed or entered into collaboration agreements with foreign firms recently;

(b) if so, the specific areas in which foreign collaboration has been sought;

(c) the name of the foreign firm/collaboration of which has been sought and the broad outlines of the terms and conditions of such collaboration agreement; and

(d) whether such collaborations are justified after many years of development in indigenous know-how?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY-INDUSTRY

(SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). The proposals received recently from Messrs Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., seeking approval to their entering into collaboration with Messrs Copes-Vulcan Insc., Lake City, USA and Messrs. Air Pre-Heaters Co., Inc. Wellsville, New York, USA, for acquiring know-how for the manufacture of Soot Blowers and Regenerative Air Pre-heaters respectively are under the consideration of Government. It will not be in the public interest to divulge the terms of collaboration proposed.

(d) Soot Blowers and Regenerative Pre-heaters are both accessories that have to be provided with power house boilers manufactured by BHEL. The

technical know-how for the manufacture of these accessories is not available with BHEL and hence these items had to be imported so far. BHEL would be able to manufacture these accessories once they are allowed to obtain the know-how from world renowned foreign parties. Foreign collaboration would, therefore, be justified.

Capacity of H.M.T. to meet Requirements of Machine Tools

1424. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirements of machine tools in our country;

(b) the total capacity so far developed; and

(c) the extent to which H.M.T., has developed the capacity to meet the requirements?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

(SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) The total requirement of machine tools in country by 1973-74 is estimated to be of around Rs. 85 crores per annum.

(b) The total capacity installed so far is of about Rs. 80 crores.

(c) The developed capacity for machine tools in HMT on two shift working basis is Rs. 21.20 crores.

Quality Control Tests in Fixing Price of Cars

1425. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality control tests are also held while reviewing the price of Ambassador and Fiat Cars; and

(b) if so, an outline thereof?