

Committee on Production and Distribution of Tyres

210. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
YADAV :
PROF. P. J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tyre manufacture have raised the prices of popular brands of tyres by rupees six hundred per piece since January this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been any cost push in the manufacture of tyres during the last six months; and

(d) whether Government propose to constitute a high level Committee with a fair representation from the tyre traders to constantly monitor production and distribution of tyres and tubes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) :
(a) and (b) : No, Sir. However, tyre companies have withdrawn discounts given by them on prices during 1984.

(c) There has been increase in the cost of some of the inputs like nylon tyre cord, synthetic rubber, rubber chemicals etc. which go into the manufacture of tyres.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Two-wheeler Scooter Prices

211. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA :
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the price of two-wheeler scooter was raised by the manufacturers after October, 1984;

(b) whether the manufacturers approached for raising the price of scooters;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and whether Government had permitted them; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some manufacturers have enhanced price of scooters after October, 1984.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no control over prices of automotive vehicles including scooters.

Rural Industries

212. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of rural industries in the country; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to develop rural industries in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) The District Industries Centres are providing all assistance and support to rural industries. 11,07,800 new small scale and artisan units have come up in the country as per reports received from DICs by the end of 1982-83 out of which 8,72,381 units were loca-