

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 However, tyre companies have withdrawn discounts given by them on prices during 1984.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-

ted in rural areas. These units have generated employment of 36,12,108 persons of which 23,89,694 persons were employed in rural industries.

(b) The Approach Document for the Seventh Plan 1985—90 has laid adequate emphasis on promotion of rural industrialisation in the country.

Economic Deterioration in the Country due to Decline in Export

213. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the decline in exports from States is one of the basic reasons of economic deterioration in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA)

(a) and (b) : Exports from India are showing continuous rise. The State-wise statistics of exports/imports are not available as these statistics are compiled and maintained on all India basis. There has been no economic deterioration in the country. On the other hand, Indian economy is showing steady improvement. The average growth rate in the Sixth Plan period is likely to hit the target level of 5.2 percent.

Regional Chauvinist and Secessionist Forces

214. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether regional, chauvinist and secessionist forces in the north-east region have been very active during the last two months;

(b) whether the activities of secessionists in the country are day-by-

day increasing in almost all parts of the country;

(c) if so, whether any directive has been issued to various States in regard to the checking of these activities;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to curb these activities; and

(e) whether any specific policy in this regard has since been formulated ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):(a) Such forces were very active only in Tripura during the last two months. In other parts of North-East region, there was no increase in the activities of such forces.

(b) While separatist and secessionist tendencies have been noticed in some parts of the country, there has been no day-to-day increase in such activities in almost all parts of the country.

(c) to (e) It is the prime duty and responsibility of the Government, whether at the Center or in the States, to preserve and maintain the unity and integrity of the country at all costs. For this purpose, various laws provide stringent punishment to those who preach or practise secession.

Long-Term Effects of Exposure of MIC

215. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether observations regarding possible long-term effects of exposure of MIC were made by some experts at the Indian Science Congress Session at Lucknow recently;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the experts views on gas effects submitted by the Indian Science Congress Session;