

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) Utilisation of capacity in the industry at present is about 75 per cent.

(b) A statement is given below.

Statement

Production/Demand of tyres (Lakh Nos.)

Year	Installed capacity	Giant	Car	M/cycle	Scooter	ADV	Tractor	OTR	Aero	Moped	Total
1983	113.45	44.49	10.91	7.08	19.02	4.96	7.81	0.15	0.17	2.93	97.56
		41.95	11.55	8.96	23.94	4.87	7.38		0.35	12.03	
1984	136.44	46.12	13.31	8.60	24.16	4.56	9.19	0.15	0.14	3.72	109.95
		44.83	11.93	10.40	27.07	5.36	10.03		0.38	14.78	

Increase in Price of life Saving Medicines

1057. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the OPPI representing the foreign companies has proposed to Government that there should be no price control on drugs;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that since the announcement of New Drug Policy, the prices of the number of essential life saving medicines have gone up and are beyond the capacity of the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Government have not received any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The prices of price controlled bulk drugs and formulations continue to be regulated under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Shortage of Mail Vans in West Bengal

1058. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : Will the Minister of COMMU-

(c) and (d). Expansion of existing units to achieve economic viability is being encouraged. Keeping in view anticipated demand build-up at the end of the Seventh Plan.

NICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of mail vans and cash vans in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the number of such vans required there; and

(c) when P and T department would be able to purchase these vans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. There is no shortage of mail vans and cash vans and fleets strength is as per sanction.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Electronic Telephone Exchange from Japan

1059. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the buildings of a number of proposed Electronic (Automatic) Exchange at District Headquarters have already been completed but the Exchanges are yet to be installed as they are still to be imported from Japan and other countries;