

Export of Small Cars to Europe

4256. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to export small cars to Europe in the next two years;

(b) if so, the details of companies manufacturing small cars and their annual production;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage production of small cars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd., has already started exporting Maruti 800 cc car to Europe and is making further efforts to increase export of these cars to European countries.

(b) At present M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. Gurgaon and M/s. Sipani Automobiles Ltd., Bangalore are manufacturing small cars of less than 1000 cc engine capacity. The annual production of cars during 1988-89 by these companies was 67547 nos. and 150 nos., respectively.

(c) and (d). The capacity already approved for the manufacture of 4-wheeled vehicles, including passenger cars, is considered sufficient to meet the projected demand of these vehicles in the country.

[*Translation*]

Evaluation of works of N.H.P.C.

4257. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertake any

periodic evaluation of the working of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, whether such a proposal is now under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Periodic evaluation of the working of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation is undertaken by the Government where performance against target is reviewed and shortfalls, if any, are analysed and remedial measures taken. Such reviews have resulted in improvement, inter alia, in project construction and management and recovery of dues from the beneficiaries.

(c) Does not arise, in view of the reply to (a) and (b) above.

[*English*]

Vayudoot Services on Nagpur-Adilabad-Hyderabad Route

4258. SHRI P. NARSA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an air strip in Adilabad District Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a Vayudoot flight on Nagpur-Adilabad-Hyderabad route; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of KVIC Unit in every Village

4259. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional Khadi and Village Industries units are proposed to be set up in villages;

(b) if so, the number of such units proposed to be set up during 1990-91 in Karnataka; and

(c) the trades these units propose to promote in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for setting up of KVI units is considered by respective State KVI Boards in consultation with KVIC at the time of finalising their Annual State KVI Programmes. As per tentative programme agreed to by the implementing agencies of Karnataka about 9081 KVI units (including 5000 bio-gas plants) have been proposed to be set up during 1990-91.

(c) The trades that are proposed to be promoted in Karnataka are as under.

Village Leather, Village Oil, Village Pottery, Lime, P.C.P.I., Fibre, Palmgur, Beekeeping, Gur and Khandsari, Carpentry and Blacksmithy, Manufacture of Household Aluminium Uten, Brass, Copper and Bellmetal Utensils, Manufacture of decorative bulbs etc.

Manufacture of pins, clips etc., Umbrella Assembling, F.V.P.I., Collection of Forest plants and Fruits for medicine purpose, Handmade Paper, Cane and Bamboo Cottage Match and Agarbatties, Products

out of Rexine, PVC. etc., Candle, Campher, and sealing Wax making, Horn and Bone including ivory products, Manufacture of exercise book binding, envelop making including all other stationery items made out of paper, NEO and Soap, Polyvastra, Bio-gas plants, and Khadi.

[*Translation*]

Electrification of Howrah-Bombay Rail Line

4260. DR. KHUSHAL PARASHRAM BOPCHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for electrification of railway line from Howrah to Bombay via Nagpur, has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the amount allocated during 1990-91; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to start operation of train on this line in phases and if so, the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir Howrah-Bombay trunk route has already been electrified upto Durg from Howrah end and upto Akola from Bombay end and also between Wardha and Nagpur. Electrification works on the remaining section are in advanced stage of completion.

(b) Rs. 19.25 crores.

(c) Trains are already running between Howrah and Bombay via Nagpur on electric-diesel traction.

Separate Zone for Metre Gauge Lines in Rajasthan and Gujarat

4261. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: