

(iii) The price control should have a lesser span than now and that only drugs in priority list will be under price control and that rest of the drugs should be free from price control.

(c) and (d). The suggestions of the Steering Committee were considered by the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council. Government has not taken any decision on the recommendations of the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council so far.

Agreement between Bajaj Auto and Kawasaki of Japan

1739. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed very recently between Bajaj Auto Limited and Kawasaki Heavy Industry of Japan for the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of 100 c.c. motor cycle in their technical collaboration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the said motor cycle industry will start functioning;

(d) the number of motor cycles likely to be produced yearly;

(e) the present yearly production of scooters and three wheelers of Bajaj Auto;

(f) whether Bajaj Auto propose to establish a factory at Aurangabad so as to increase its production; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b) . Bajaj Auto Ltd. has entered in a foreign collaboration agreement with Kawasaki Heavy Industries for transfer of technology for manufacture of 100 cc and 80 cc motorcycles.

(c) and (d) . The firm expects to go into production of motorcycles of Kawasaki design in early 1986 and plans to produce 40,000 motor-cycles in the first year.

(e) The present production of scooters, motorcycles and 3-wheelers is as follows :-
(Fig. in '000)

Name of the product	Years		
	1982	1983	1984
1. Scooters	140	169	187
2. Mini Motorcycles	9	25	27
3. Three-wheelers	23	27	30

(f) & (g) . The company is implementing its expansion project at Aurangabad for a licensed capacity of 3,00,000 two-wheelers and hopes to commence production by mid 1985.

Price cut in Petroleum crude supplied by OPEC Countries

1740. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO :
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
SHRI DINESH SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced a price cut in petroleum crude supplied by OPEC countries ;

(b) if so the foreign exchange expected to be saved by that cut; and

(c) whether the benefit of the above price cut will be passed on to the consumers of Petroleum Products in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir, only in respect of some crude oils.

(b) Savings in foreign exchange will be difficult to estimate as it depends upon the fluctuating dollar-rupee conversion rate.

(c) There is no such proposal as prices of Petroleum products in India are not solely based on crude oil or product prices in the International Market but are determined taking into consideration the need to subsidise some products like Kerosene, demand management and generation of resources for oil development.