

in accordance with the policy parameters in this regard.

### Increase in prices of Scooters and Motor Cycles

1045. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether prices of two-wheeler scooters and motor cycles of popular brands have increased enormously over the past six years;

(b) if so, how the prices of popular brands scooters and motor cycles like Bajaj-150, Bajaj-Chetak, Vijay-Deluxe, Lambretta, Priya, Yezdi, Rajdoot etc. have risen since 1978 onwards (year to year) ;

(c) whether the low-consumption vehicles with high fuel efficiency like the Lohia-XE and VESPA-170 etc. intended to bring down the prices of scooters within the reach of the common man have themselves come out at prices much higher than earlier estimated; and

(d) if so, the extent of escalation and the reasons for the hike ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). The increase in prices of two wheelers over the past six years has not been excessive in comparison to increase in the general price index. The factual position in respect of a few models is indicated in the statement attached.

(c) and (d). The ex-factory prices of Lohia-XE and Vespa-170 scooters were Rs. 9600/- and Rs. 7400/- respectively in 1984 and their current ex-factory prices are Rs. 11355/- and 8 200/-. This increase in price has been mainly due to :

- (i) escalation in the cost of imported components on account of fluctuation in currency rates ;
- (ii) increase in the price of steel and aluminium.

### Statement

Ex-factory prices (in Rs.)

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Bajaj 150/Super	2975	3560	4550	4750	5280	5280	5540	6000
	3460	3885		5100			6000	
		4385						
Bajaj Chetak	3493	3700	4700	4900	5430	5430	5740	6180
	3600	4025		5250			6180	
		4525						
Priya	3353	3600	4475	4635	5145	5145	5345	5885
	3548	3550		4985			5885	
		3875						
		4375						
Lambretta/Lamby	3688	4066	4926	5211	5726	5726	5826	6226
	3750	4241		5461			5926	
	3850	4426					6226	
		4926						
Rajdoot	4550	5480	5730	6600	6600	6600	7600	8500
			6000				8000	
			6275					
Yezdi	4550	5000	5730	6600	6600	6600	7600	8500
	4850	5250	6000				8000	
		5480	6275					
Vijay Deluxe/Super	3920	4081	5231	5531	6075	6075	6260	6660
		4376		6075			6660	
		4551						
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