

Auto Exports

2796. **SHRI NARSING SURYA-WANSHI** : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) has submitted a paper on 'Export Strategy for Commercial Vehicles to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). The main constraints highlighted in the paper related to limited range of production, high cost, of inputs including finance, payment problems in some countries and commission, import and other problems. In this context, it may be mentioned that Commercial vehicles has been identified as a thrust item for exports. A number of measures have already been taken to assist exporters including commercial vehicles exporters. These measures *inter alia* including upgradation of technology and productivity, a new regime of CCS to compensate for the cascading effect of domestic taxation, access to raw materials and consumables at international competitive prices, support from Export Marketing Fund on priority basis for marketing activities abroad, reduction in the interest rates of pre and post shipment credit, provision of suppliers credit, introduction of new blanket exchange permit scheme facilitating export promotion activities and liberalisation of the rates of agency commission payable abroad.

**Stopping of Non-Plan Budgetary Support
To Public Sector**

2797. **VIJAY KUMAR MISHRA** : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have stopped non-plan budgetary support to public sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the outlay for the public sector during 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Escalation in Wholesale Price Index

2798. **SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK** :

SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have studied the inflation rate approaching double digit as measured by the consumer price Index for industrial workers in November, 1987 which stood at 9.8 per cent against 9.1 per cent in the corresponding period of 1986;

(b) whether general index of wholesale prices recorded an increase of 1.2 per cent between December, 1986 and July, 1987 as against a stable position in the corresponding period;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to control it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The All India Consumer Price Index for industrial workers (base 1960=100) recorded an annual rate of increase of 9.1 percent in November, 1987 as against 9.8 per cent in November, 1986;

(b) The Wholesale Price Index for all commodities (base 1970-71=100) recorded a rise of 6.0 per cent between December, 1986 and July, 1987 as against a rise of 6.1 per cent during the period in the previous year.