

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) While no formal procedure for associating Theatre and Ballet Groups has been laid down, various Doordarshan Kendras invite such groups to present their productions. The broad guideline is relevance and importance of the theme of the programme and exigencies of programme requirement. The remuneration payable to each group varies depending on the number of participants and the costumes, sets and special effects used in the production. In case of plays such remuneration ranges from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- for short plays and Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 30,000/- for long plays. No cataloguing and detailed indexing regarding booking of such groups by various Doordarshan Kendras is maintained centrally.

Shortage of Bus/Truck tyres

6733. **SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :**
SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOT-
HAMAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Tyre Dealers' Federation has been complaining about the shortage of Bus/Truck tyres and tubes;

(b) whether Government have conducted a survey to know the causes for the shortage of tyres and tubes;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of tyres and tubes in the country to solve the problem of shortage and also to check the rising trend of their prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) There have been complaints during the previous years of

shortages in the market of certain categories of truck & bus tyres. According to the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association, these temporary shortages were due to labour problem leading to closure or slow down of production of a number of tyre units.

Government are in regular touch with the tyre manufacturers in order to maximise production of tyres and tubes. Government have also decided to allow the import of specified categories of bus and truck tyres on OGL by State Transport Undertakings or their Association and recognised State Level Associations of Road Transport Operators.

Project for Conversion of Coal into Petrol

6734. **SHRI H. B. PATIL :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to start a project for conversion of coal into petrol;

(b) whether Government propose to re-introduce addition of 20 per cent alcohol to petrol; and

(c) if so, the details regarding the policy of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS : (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Joshi Committee regarding Establishment of Training Institute for Doordarshan Personnel

6735. **SHRI MANIK REDDY :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :