

(a) whether Government have refuted the view point of the IDBI and have declared the company as viable ;

(b) if so, the reasons for highlighting the viewpoint of IDBI and not indicating the decision of Government in the above mentioned answer ; and

(c) further steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATI TIWARI) : (a) to (c). As already explained, an Investigating Body was appointed by the Government to investigate into the possibility of re-starting Kumardhubi Engineering Works. The Body has submitted its report and the same is under examination by the Government.

New Booking Agencies of Two Wheelers

3546. **SHRI RAM LAL RAHI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether new agencies for the booking of two-wheelers are being given in the various States by two-wheelers manufacturers in the country ; and

(b) if so, the names and places of the agencies with the number of quota per annum ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATI TIWARI) : (a) and (b). Agencies for the distribution of these vehicles are determined by the respective manufacturers in accordance with their commercial and corporate procedures. Government have no information in regard to the number and details of various agencies appointed by the various manufacturers.

Modernisation of Cement Industry

3547. **SHRI B.V. DESAI :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether cement industry has conveyed its readiness to undertake modernisation programme but they have pointed out that only Government could ensure its success by immediate grant in price increase whenever they become due to offset cost escalations;

(b) if so, whether cement industry has pointed out that every measure about the cement situation in the country can be made upon;

(c) whether Union Government have considered all their suggestions; and

(d) if so, to what extent they have accepted and the steps being taken to implement their suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATI TIWARI) : (a) to (d). The Cement Manufacturers' Association has submitted to the Government a scheme of modernisation of the Cement Industry in respect of a few of its constituents. Government have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices to review the development of the Cement Industry and recommend measures to accelerate its progress including incentives and fair prices. One of the terms of reference to this Committee is to review the progress of modernisation and introduction of technological improvements in domestic cement factories and to recommend measures to accelerate these in order to reduce costs and effect economies in domestic production. The Committee is expected to submit its Report by the end of December, 1981.