

Tata Iron & Steel Company had undertaken a modernisation programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 203 crores and the modernisation is expected to be completed by March, 1983.

Car Manufacturing Units

5022. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the places of the car manufacturing units of the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that the production methods in these car plants are outdated;

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to suggest those car manufacturing plants to adopt some new method to improve the technological features and innovations of the cars under production;

(d) whether Government have also a proposal to increase the production of the car in the country;

(e) if so, whether any collaboration is going to be made with any foreign country for this purpose; and

(f) the details about the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Three units have been licensed by the Government for the manufacture of passenger cars as mentioned below :—

Name of the Unit (M/s)	Location of the Plant
Hindustan Motors Limited	Hooghly (West Bengal)
Premier Automobiles Ltd.	Kurla, Kalyan and Wadala (Maharashtra)
Standard Motor Products of India Ltd.	Perungalathur (Tamil Nadu)

Besides, M/s. Sunrise Auto Industries Ltd., Bangalore is registered with DGTD for the manufacture of passenger cars. The company has manufactured a small number of three wheeler cars.

(b) and (c). The production technologies employed by the car manufacturers and the models of passenger cars produced in India presently are not contemporary with those in the developed countries. Government have emphasised upon the Industry the need for modernisation of production technologies, product upgradation and optimisation of fuel efficiency.

(d) Government propose to manufacture fuel efficient cars based on the latest technology in the public sector enterprise, Maruti Udyog Limited.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Discussion are in progress with a number of leading overseas automobile manufacturers for collaboration with Maruti Udyog Limited.

Setting up of Industries in Orissa

5023. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of forest based industries proposed to be set up in Orissa in 1982-83; and

(b) the particulars of those industries and the places of Orissa where those industries are proposed to be located?