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Tuesday, the 11th April, 1961/Chaitra
21, 1883 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Production of Fertilizers

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Shri Mahavir Tyagi:
Shri Sadhan Gupta:
Shri Somani:

Will the Minister of Commerce and
Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets fixed for
the production of fertilizers during
the Second Five Year Plan have been
achieved; and

(b) if not, the extent of shortfall
and the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce
and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table
of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V,
annexure No. 7].

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: The
statement gives production only for
nine months of the current year. May
I know what was the position during
previous years?

Shri Satish Chandra: The produc-
tion that has been given is for the
complete year, not for nine months. It
has been calculated for the whole year
on the basis of the figures of produc-
tion for the first nine months. The
average rate of production is spread
over for the entire year.

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Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: From the
statement I find that fall in produc-
tion in the plant at Sindri was due
to inadequate supply of good quality
coal. May I know what the position
now is—whether adequate arrange-
ments have been made for the supply
of good quality coal?

Shri Satish Chandra: Yes, Sir. The
coal requirements of Sindri are now
being met in full. In the meantime,
the gas generators have deteriorated
and they have to be overhauled.

Shri Palaniandy: What percentage
of the demand for fertilizers do Gov-
ernment expect to meet during the
Third Five Year Plan?

Shri Satish Chandra: The demand
for fertilisers is much more than the
actual production. Even at present
the demand for fertilisers is about 5
lakh tons of Nitrogen. But the pro-
duction, as the hon. Member will see
from the statement, is only a little
over 1 lakh tons. An additional 1
lakh tons are being imported. It is
hoped that when all the units go into
production and more imports take
place, we shall be able to meet the
increasing demand for fertilisers. But
the position will remain difficult even
during the Third Five Year pe-
riod.

Mr. Speaker: Every day we are
having questions on fertilisers. The
debate on the Demands for Grants of
the Ministry of Food and Agriculture
is not yet over.

Shri Basappa: There was an en-
quiry into this. I want to ask a ques-
tion.

Mr. Speaker: Usually in the House
of Commons, only one supplementary
is allowed on a question. Here the
first hour is devoted only to supple-
mentaries and we do not proceed with

questions at all. I am afraid I cannot be too indulgent hereafter.

Production of Small Cars

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Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri M. R. Krishna:
 Shri Anirudh Sinha:
 Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
 Shri Sampath:
 Shri S. A. Mehdi:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:
 Shri A. M. Tariq:
 *1434. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Shiva Datt Upadhyay
 Shri Subblah Ambalam:
 Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:
 Shri Palaniandy:
 Shrimati Maftda Ahmed:
 Shri P. Deb:
 Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
 Shri Radha Mohan Singh:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Osman Ali Khan:
 Shri Bahadur Singh:
 Shri Inder J. Malhotra:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far for manufacturing small cars;

(b) whether site for the workshop has been fixed; and

(c) whether collaboration with foreign firms has been reached?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). An Expert Committee was appointed by Government on the 20th October, 1960 to advise them in regard to the manufacture of a low cost car in the country in the public sector. The Committee is recommend to Government inter alia such model or models which in its opinion could be manufactured within an ex-factory price around Rs. 5,000 and also to indicate the best possible terms of foreign collaboration available therefor and the site or sites considered most suitable for the

workshops. The Report of this Committee is awaited in the next few weeks. A decision on all these and allied issues will be taken by Government after the Report of the Committee has been received by Government.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know, Sir, by what time the car will be in the market and what will be the approximate price?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I originally assured the House in 1963.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: What would be the approximate price?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is all given in the Resolution which has been placed before the House. Our estimate of the cost is given there.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the Defence Ministry is also interested in the manufacture of a small car, if so, what progress they have made and whether there is any conjunction between the Defence Ministry and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

Shri Manubhai Shah: It is the Government of India which is wanting the production of a car. All the Ministries are combined in that.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: But what is the position?

Shri Manubhai Shah: I have already replied.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know by what time the factory will be set up which will manufacture these cars at an ex factory price of Rs. 5,000?

Shri Manubhai Shah: As I have already explained, we are expecting the production of the small car to begin in 1963. Normally, we hope that it will take eighteen months for the factory to come into establishment after the decision is made by the Government.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know, Sir, how many proposals the Committee has considered and whether the