

Automobile Engineering ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) 1966.

(b) Madras Institute of Technology, Madras, is the only institution conducting a separate course in automobile engineering at the first degree level. The degree courses in mechanical engineering conducted by all engineering colleges do, however, include the basic aspects of automobile engineering in their curriculum.

(c) and (d). At present, there is no provision for higher studies in automobile engineering after the diploma course. In view of the present unemployment among engineering personnel and uncertainty of the demand for automobile engineers, there is no proposal to introduce any degree course in automobile engineering.

(e) The question of recognition of A. M. I. A. E. from Madras will be considered upon its own merits if a request for its recognition is received from the institution.

Eligibility for Employment of Automobile Engineering Diploma Holders

3691. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Automobile Engineering Diploma holders are not eligible for Government and semi-Government services ;

(b) whether they are not considered as holding equivalent qualifications as compared to Diploma holders in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering ;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to recognise it as equivalent to other Engineering Diploma holders, as far as their employment opportunities are concerned ;

(d) whether due to very limited scope of employment, most of students of Automobile Engineering Diploma holders remain unemployed ; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to help the Automobile Engineering Diploma holders to get employment in Government and semi-government bodies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAVA) : (a) No, Sir. They are eligible.

(b) and (c). The Diploma Holders in Mechanical, Electrical and Automobile Engineering are all treated on par for employment purposes in their respective fields.

(d) and (e). In the last four years, there has been large scale unemployment among all categories of engineering personnel, including automobile engineering diploma-holders. To relieve unemployment, the Central Government has adopted since 1968 several measures including self-employment by engineers. Employment opportunities in the field of automobile engineering are mostly in servicing and maintenance and, therefore, the scope for self-employment is greater. Automobile Engineering diploma holders are therefore in a better position to avail of the schemes for assistance offered by the financial institutions and other agencies to set up their own repair, servicing and maintenance workshops.

Employment Opportunities for Diploma Holders in Automobile Engineering

3692. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Automobile Engineering Diploma holders are not considered for employment in Delhi Transport Undertaking and other Transport Undertakings of the Government ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Diploma holders are eligible for employment in