

training to the students. As such, the question of feasibility for mass scale production has not been examined.

#### Shortage of Commercial Vehicles

419 DR RANEN SEN Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a shortage of commercial vehicles in the country,

(b) if so the extent of shortage, and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b) There is a shortage of commercial vehicles of two popular makes. Customers have to wait for about 1-1/2 to 2 years for getting delivery of these makes of vehicles.

(c) Government have permitted three of the existing manufacturers to expand their production capacity. Government have also approved four new schemes envisaging a total capacity of 54,000 vehicles per annum.

#### Scooter Plant in Public Sector

420 DR RANEN SEN Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the progress made in setting up a Scooter plant in the public sector; and

(b) the expenditure incurred in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD)

(a) A Company by the name of Scooters India Ltd has been incorporated. Land measuring 110 acres has been acquired at Lucknow and civil construction work has started. Most

of the machinery has arrived from Italy and the rest is expected to be received within the next two months.

(b) An expenditure of about Rs 1.66 crores has so far been incurred.

Advice sought from Government for payment of Difference in price of Flat Car

421 SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether some of the customers who received notices from the dealers of Premier Automobiles for paying the difference in price have sought guidance from his Ministry, and

(b) the advice tendered to these customers by the Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes Sir

(b) No advice has been tendered by the Government.

#### Low production of Steel Mills due to Faulty Planning

422 SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the actual production in the public sector mills is much less than the total installed capacity especially in the Steel Mills,

(b) whether it was due to bad planning and inadequate stock of spare parts, and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against the Officers responsible for this negligence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) The actual production in terms of ingot