

(ख) कारखाना कहाँ पर स्थापित होगा तथा उस पर कुल कितनी घनराशि व्यय होगी ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) और (ख). विदेशी मुद्रा बचाने के उद्देश्य से सरकार अब प्ले प्रस्तावित ३५ मि० मी० वाले कैमरों के स्थान पर सस्ते किस्म के कैमरे बनाने की सम्भावना पर विचार कर रही है। इस मामले में विदेशी 'कम' के साथ पत्र व्यवहार हो रहा है।

Steel Project in Madhya Pradesh

*77. { Shri R. Barua;
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey is taken up to explore possibilities of setting up a steel project in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Bailadila iron ore mines have potentialities for such an expansion?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Studies are now being conducted to ascertain the feasibility of setting up a new steel plant in the public sector in the Bailadila-Visakhapatnam area. The potentialities of the Bailadila iron ore mines are also being investigated in that connection.

Disposal of Imported Vehicles by S.T.C.

*78. { Shri P. C. Deo Bhanj;
Shri Buta Singh;
Shri Gulshan;
Shri Narasimha Reddy;
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta;
Dr. L. M. Singhvi;
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the State Trading Corporation dispose of the

imported vehicles acquired from foreign diplomats and others; and

(b) the amount of profit made so far by the State Trading Corporation in acquiring and selling these vehicles?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhaj Shah): (a) The imported vehicles acquired by the STC under the scheme are allowed to be sold/allotted as per the following order of priority:

1. Rashtrapati Bhavan
2. Raj Bhavans
3. Defence requirements
4. Tourist Promotion
5. Central/State Governments
6. Public Sector Undertakings
7. Sales to public through sealed tenders.

(b) It will not be in public interest to disclose either the profits or the sale prices. It was for mopping up of the profits and to prevent the subsequent drain on the foreign exchange that the Hon. House and the public wanted Government to devise suitable mechanism to tackle this matter.

I also lay on the Table of the House a statement giving the number of vehicles so far acquired by the STC since the beginning of the scheme and the number of vehicles sold/allotted so far etc. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1447/63]

Cloth Prices

*79. { Shri Warior;
Shri Vasudevan Nair;
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;
Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri P. C. Borooah;
Shri P. R. Chakraverti;
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation has demanded an upward revision of cloth prices; and