

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The proposals for two road under-bridges in replacement of existing busy level crossings—(i) at km. 353/1-2 on Shankey road between Bangalore City and Bangalore Cantt. stations and (ii) the other at Km. 350/10-11 between Bangalore Cantt. and Bangalore East stations on Millers Road have been sanctioned; and the work on the road underbridge at Km. 353/1-2 is already in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

SCOOTER MANUFACTURING UNITS

1226. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL:
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI D. C. SHARMA:
SHRI J. M. BISWAS:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA:
SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA:
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:
SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH:
CHAUDHARY:
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:
SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAM SWARUP VID-
YARTHI:
SHRI N. K. SANGHI:
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant more licences for the setting up of scooter manufacturing units in the private sector;

(b) if so, how many such licences have been or are proposed to be granted;

(c) whether by granting the licences Government are likely to achieve self-sufficiency in scooters; and

(d) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Government have decided to license only one additional scooter manufacturing unit in the private sector of a suitable economic capacity.

(c) It is expected that the production from the existing units and the proposed new unit would be adequate to meet the demand for scooters in the country as anticipated at present.

(d) The new unit is expected to go into production in about two years after it is licensed.

MANUFACTURE OF SCOOTER TYRES:

1227. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI BHARAT SINGH :
CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAM SWARUP VID-
YARTHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the achievement of self-sufficiency in the manufacture of scooter tyres;

(b) the steps taken to eliminate black-marketing in the tyre trade;

(c) the number of new units with details which are proposed to be set up;

(d) the time by which these units are likely to start production; and

(e) the time by which self-sufficiency is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Considerable progress has been made towards self-sufficiency in respect of scooter tyres. As against the anticipated demand of 3,15,000 nos. of scooter and auto-rickshaw tyres during 1968, the actual production during the first nine months of this year has been 2,16,579 nos. and the production by the end of the year is anticipated to be about 2,70,000 as compared to the production of 1,44,600 nos. during 1967.

(b) Steps have been taken to augment the existing production facilities for the manufacture of scooter tyres by way of allowing