

Small Car Project

2194. DR. A. G. SONAR:
SHRI DEORAO PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of a Small Car project in the near future;

(b) whether it is also a fact that taking the Pande Committee recommendations into consideration, Nagpur is the best place for locating such a project;

(c) whether it is being set up under public sector or private one; and

(d) whether Government would consider locating such a project at Nagpur taking its geographical situation and other factors into account?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):

(a) The question of establishing a small car project in the country is under the consideration of Government.

(b) The Low Cost Car Committee set up in 1960 under the Chairmanship of Shri G. Pande did not undertake any detailed studies of the prospective sites for the location of the small car project. The Committee had, however suggested that the most appropriate location for the proposed plant should be found within the area bounded by Agra in the North, Raipur in the East, Hyderabad in the South and Nasik in the West.

(c) This aspect of the project will be considered after a decision has been taken regarding implementation of the project.

(d) The question of location of the project will be considered after a decision on the project has been taken. At that stage the suitability of Nagpur will be considered on merits along with the suitability of other locations which have also been suggested.

Joint Ventures between India and Ceylon

2195. SHRI HIMATSINGKA:
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH:
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
SHASTRI:
SHRI D. N. PATODIA:

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

(a) whether he recently visited Ceylon with a view to exploring potential for joint ventures of India and Ceylon;

(b) if so, what was the result of his visit and in what fields scope for joint ventures between the two countries was explored; and

(c) what follow-up action is being taken to finalise details of specific joint ventures in the varied fields?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):

(a) to (c). I paid a three day visit to Ceylon during October, 1968 in response to an invitation from the Government of Ceylon. I availed of the occasion to hold discussions with Mr. Philip Gunawardene, Minister of Industries and Fisheries, Government of Ceylon and his colleagues in the Government on a few joint industrial ventures which had been proposed and for exploring the prospects of furthering industrial collaboration between the two countries generally as indicated below:

(1) *Project for manufacture of commercial vehicles and bus chassis in Ceylon:*

All assistance and cooperation was assured from India to make the project a success.

(2) *Establishment of Machine Tool assembly & manufacture:*

The Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. have just submitted a feasibility report