

Figures for April-May, 1966 include black and white cine films also as the 'coloured cine films' were not separately classified in the Revised Indian Trade Classification before June, 1966.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Colour film manufacture was not covered in the terms of collaboration under which the present project was set up.

(d) Hindustan Photo Films are considering the selection of a suitable collaborator for this purpose. They are expected to finalise the selection and submit early a project report for the manufacture of colour films, to Government for approval and sanction. Efforts are being made by Hindustan Photo Films to establish the colour film project during the IV Plan period.

(e) Hindustan Photo Films went into production only in January, 1967. The value of cine film, X-ray films etc. produced by Hindustan Films so far is given below:-

Year	Production (Rs. in lakhs)
1966-67	20.37
1967-68	142.25

In the first two years of production, there have been no profits. The Company is expected to reach the break-even point in 1969-70 after which a reasonable rate of return may be expected.

Ticketless Travel

2496. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the experiment of getting aid from students or other voluntary organisations in checking ticketless travelling has proved a success; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to make more extensive use of such aids to prevent the evil of ticketless travelling ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes.

Railway Ferry Service between Dhanushkodi and Thalaimannar

2497. SHRI KIRUTTINAN :
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the fact that the Railway lands with assets from Rameshwaram Road to Dhanushkodi including the strong pier have been handed over to Tamil Nadu State Government for joining jeepable road, the Railway Department propose to restore the operation of Railway ferry service between Dhanushkodi and Thalaimannar as was before the 23rd December, 1964, and retain the railway marine workshop at Mandappam itself without shifting it elsewhere; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to appoint any Railway out-agency for affording transport facilities to the passengers between Rameshwaram and Dhanushkodi pier ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) (i) At present there is no proposal to resume the ferry service.

(ii) As far as the Railway workshop at Mandapam is concerned, a proposal was made to the Tamil Nadu State to take over the workshop. This proposal is under consideration of the State Government and their decision is awaited.

(b) There is no proposal for opening an Out Agency at Dhanushkodi.

Prices of Tyres

2498. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of tyres in the market are still higher than the actual prices; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to bring down the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Tyres and Tubes have been declared as "essential commo-

dity" under the Essential Commodities Act with a view to enabling the State Governments/Local Administrations to regulate the acquisition and distribution to the consumers at fair prices. Further the overall production of tyres and tubes during 1968 was more than the anticipated demand. However complaints were received about the overcharging of prices in respect of certain categories of tyres. With a view to meeting the situation, Government have advised the Tyre Manufacturers to step up the production of tyres, particularly those in short supply. For this purpose, Government are providing assistance in the matter of import of moulds and other balancing equipment. Moreover, import of tyres for scooters, trucks/buses and tractors allowed by Government during 1968-69 has had good effect on stabilisation of tyre prices. As a long term measure, Government have approved the establishment of additional capacity to the extent of 1.45 million nos. of automobile tyres.

More Machine Tools Factories

2499. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new machine tool factories in various States during the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof with basis for selection of sites: and

(c) the outlay envisaged for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) The Fourth Five Year Plan is still under preparation and it is not possible to indicate at this stage whether any new machine tool factories will be set up in various States during the Fourth Plan period. However, in view of the present substantial unutilised capacity in existing public sector and private sector machine tool units, there is little scope for establishing new machine tool units atleast during the first two years of the Plan period.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Expansion of Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd.

2500. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : SHRI N. R. LASKAR : SHRI R. BARUA :

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

(a) whether there is any proposal with regard to the expansion of the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. during the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) The Fourth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised and the details are still under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Industrial Development in Andhra Pradesh

2501. SHRI GADILINGANA GOWD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the industrial field in Andhra Pradesh during the period from the 1st January 1968 to the 31st December, 1968;

(b) the detailed position in regard to the development of industries, expansion of established industries and renoovation of obsolete industries during the above period; and

(c) the total amount utilized for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.