

(c) whether any new site has been selected in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED): (a) to (c), The tractors project, for which a site near Varanasi was originally selected, envisaged the manufacture of the Zetor 2011 model tractor with Czechoslovakian collaboration as an entirely new project. Since then the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute and the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur have developed prototypes of a 20 HP tractor and a suggestion was made that the proposed project should undertake the manufacture of that model. It has also been considered desirable that the project should make full use of the spare capacity available at the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur and the Pinjore Unit of the Hindustan Machine Tools. The National Industrial Development Corporation has accordingly been asked to prepare a detailed project report taking in to account all these aspects and to make its recommendations. A final decision will be taken after the receipt and examination of this Report.

General Motors Corporation of U.S.

1047. SHRI N.K. SANGHI;
SHRI R.R. SINGH DEO;
SHRI Y.A. PRASAD;
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
VEERAPPA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of senior officials of the General Motors Corporation of U.S. visited India in January, 1969; and

(b) if so, the purpose of their visit and the out-come of the discussion held if any?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED): (a) Yes,

(b) The purpose of the visit was to investigate the extent and scope of purchases of automobile parts and components including castings that could be effected from Hindustan Motors for supply to General Motors' European Plants. The discussions held by the team with officers of the then Ministry of Commerce indicated that there were possibilities for the development of the export of automobiles ancillaries and components.

Import of Scooter Tyres

1048. SHRI N.K. SANGHI:
SHRI R.R. SINGH DEO:
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
VEERAPPA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import more tyres for Scooters to augment the supply;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of tyres that are likely to be imported; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 38,500 scooter tyres valued at Rs. 11 lakhs approximately.

(c) Rs. 11 lakhs approximately.

Detention of Trains by Tamil Nadu Students

1049. SHRI N.K. SANGHI:
SHRI R.R. SINGH DEO:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI:
SHRI Y.A. PRASAD:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
VEERAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be