

petrol in view of the increasing and multiplying number of vehicles;

(b) whether the matter has been taken up or is proposed to be taken up with the Ministry of Industry for a coordinated approach for realising the national goals;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) the actual consumption of petrol during 1987-88 and expected for 1988-89 together with its value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) to (c). Besides fiscal measures, other measures taken in coordination with the Ministry of Industry to conserve the consumption of petrol include upgradation of technology to manufacture fuel efficient vehicles, revision of fuel efficiency norms and creating public awareness for petroleum conservation.

These measures have helped in containing the growth in the consumption of petrol inspite of rapid increase in the vehicular population.

(d) The consumption/demand of petrol during 1987-88 and 1988-89 together with its value is estimated as under:

Year	Consumption/ Demand (million tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1987-88	2.80	3103
1988-89	3.11	3445

[Translation]

Memorandum from AISNEC

*933. SHRI RAM KUMAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1987, the Delhi Unit of All India Small Newspaper Editors Conference submitted a memorandum to his Ministry about their problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

New Central Investment Subsidy Scheme

*934. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme for industrially backward districts extended upto 31 March, 1988 is proposed to be replaced by a new scheme to help growth of industries in backward districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the new scheme is likely to be announced and implemented; and

(d) what will be the fate of small scale industries which have planned their finance according to the old subsidy scheme and are presently in the installation stage?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d). In consonance with Government's policy of generating more employment throughout the country, it is proposed to announce a package of measures for encouraging industrialisation of backward areas. All relevant issues will be taken into account while finalising the revised scheme. Meanwhile, the existing Central Investment Subsidy Scheme for backward areas has been extended upto 30th September, 1988.