

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). The Payment of Bonus Act specifies that if in any accounting year in establishment in public sector sells any goods produced or manufactured by it or renders any services in competition with an establishment in private sector, and the income from such sale or services or both is not less than twenty per cent of the gross income of the establishment in public sector for that year, then, the provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to such establishment in public sector as they apply in relation to a like establishment in private sector. Accordingly, other establishments in the public sector do not come within the purview of the Act.

The Payment of Bonus (Second Amendment) Bill, 1980 introduced in Lok Sabha on 8 December, 1980 clarifies the position.

Raising of Prices by Manufacturers of Rubber Goods

*347. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of rubber goods including Tyres and Tubes increase the price every now and then;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) whether before any price rise is affected the manufacturers are to follow certain formalities;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) the justifications of the rise in prices of rubber products whereas the price of raw rubber is falling; and

(f) what is the role of Government in relation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) to (f). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. Prices of rubber goods including tyres and tubes have been increased during the last 3 years on different occasions.

(b) Statements indicating the wholesale prices of tyres from 1978 onwards and the wholesale price indices of natural rubber, tyres, tubes and other rubber goods are attached (Annexures I & II).

(c) and (d). As there is no statutory control on the prices of rubber goods including tyres and tubes, their manufacturers are not required to obtain Government permission before effecting price increase.

(e) The prices of natural rubber have increased during the last two years. The manufacturers of rubber goods attribute the price increase in rubber products to the rising prices of natural rubber and other raw material inputs such as synthetic rubber, carbon black, nylon tyre cord etc., as well as duties and taxes and higher production costs.

(f) Government have impressed upon the industry the need of maintaining prices at reasonable level. As a consequence, tyre manufacturers had reduced the prices of passenger car and scooter tyres. Further with a view to maintaining price stability and meeting the demand-supply gap imports of natural rubber have been arranged.

Whole-sale prices of Tyres

Sl. No.	Name of the Commodities with specifications	Last week of					Oct. 1978
		Jan. 1978	March 1978	April 1978	July 1978	Sept. 1978	
TYRES							
<i>Car Tyres Standard rayon BSW</i>							
1.	6.70-15 6 ply rating	266.60	271.33	299.73	315.50	315.50	331.28
2.	5.90-15	195.30	219.27	228.74	244.51	N.C.	279.22
3.	5.20-14	168.95	171.95	197.19	212.96	N.C.	241.36
4.	5.60-13	186.00	189.30	208.23	224.01	N.C.	235.05
TRUCK TYRES							
5.	8.25-20.12 PRHW 105 Rayon	1018.35	N.C.	1077.43	1241.49	N.C.	1304.59
6.	9.00-20 12 PRHW 105	1205.90	1246.23	1370.85	1457.61	N.C.	1558.57
<i>Motor Cycle Tyre</i>							
7.	3.25-19.4 Ply	97.50	98.48	112.36	116.15	N.C.	122.46
SCOOTER TYRE							
8.	3.50-104 Ply	66.25	66.91	73.23	77.01	N.C.	80.80
<i>Tractor Tyres</i>							
9.	12.2-28 (11-28) CG-4 Ply rear	828.75	837.04	893.85	950.04	N.C.	998.00
			811.79				
10.	12.4-36 (11-36) 6 Ply rear	1045.00	1055.45	1074.39	1150.02	N.C.	1232.00
			977.18				
<i>Off The High way Nylon Tyres</i>							
11.	12.00-24/25 16 Ply Nylon	2780.70	2830.04	3113.99	N.C.	4065.85	N.C.
12.	18.00-24/25 12 Ply Nylon	7026.15	7150.81	9805.74	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.
			9565.96				
13.	28-1½ w.o.	11.53	N.C.	12.20	12.75	N.C.	13.40

NOTE: Prices relates to last week of the months

N.C. means: No change

ANNEXURE-I

Wholesale Prices of Tyres

Sl. No.	March 1979	June 1979	July 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1979	March 1980	June 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1980
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	349.00	N.C.	N.C.	400.00	N.C.	N.C.	453.00	515.00	N.C.
2.	294.00	N.C.	N.C.	345.00	N.C.	N.C.	367.00	402.00	N.C.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3.	254·00	N.C.	N.C.	295·00	N.C.	N.C.	316·00	338·00	N.C.
4.	248·00	N.C.	N.C.	280·00	N.C.	N.C.	326·00	402·00	N.C.
5.	1341·00	N.C.	1360·00	1440·00	N.C.	1485·00	1578·00	1650·00	N.C.
6.	1622·00	N.C.	1640·00	1740·00	N.C.	1760·00	1832·00	1960·00	N.C.
7.	129·00	N.C.	139·00	151·00	N.C.	155·00	163·00	170·00	N.C.
8.	83·50	N.C.	89·00	96·00	N.C.	99·00	101·00	103·00	N.C.
9.	1038·00	1069·00	N.C.	N.C.	1145·00	N.C.	1238·00	1300·00	N.C.
10.	1281·00	1319·00	N.C.	N.C.	1430·00	N.C.	1526·00	1600·00	N.C.
11.	4149·00	4460·00	N.C.	N.C.	5285·00	N.C.	5774·00	N.C.	N.C.
12.	11595·00	12465·00	N.C.	N.C.	14780·00	N.C.	16147·00	N.C.	N.C.
13.	$\frac{13·60}{13·00}$	N.C.	N.C.	14·65	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.	N.C.

Note: Prices related to last week of the month.

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ANNEXURE II

Statement showing the wholesale price indices of raw Rubber, Tyres, Tubes and other rubber products.

(BASE 1970-71=100)

Name of the item	Year 1980											
	1978	1979	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept. (P)	Oct.
Raw Rubber . . .	183.6	212.6	211.8	205.2	211.7	214.4	215.8	220.9	249.8	263.5	271.6	270.3
Tyres . . .	166.8	202.4	225.8	225.8	227.3	227.3	229.5	238.1	244.1	256.2	259.0	259.0
Tubes . . .	189.4	230.0	254.0	254.0	254.0	254.0	256.6	263.6	267.4	270.6	272.2	272.2
Camel Back . . .	184.7	205.4	220.6	232.0	232.0	232.0	232.0	232.2	232.7	236.8	238.5	238.5
Rubber Plastic Shoes.	132.9	144.6	150.2	150.2	158.4	158.4	158.4	158.4	158.4	158.4	158.4	158.4
Rubber Belting . .	203.0	227.2	250.7	250.7	250.7	250.7	250.7	250.7	270.3	271.3	271.3	271.3
Sponge Rubber . .	195.3	214.7	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	225.0	227.0	227.0	227.0	227.0

'P' : Provisional