

(b) Government of India do not maintain statistics of this nature.

Losses Incurred by Scooters India Ltd.

*260. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scooters India Limited continues to suffer losses year after year, despite the modifications effected in the scooters manufactured by it;

(b) if so, the extent of loss suffered by it during 1980-81 and the preceding two years;

(c) the main reasons for the continuing losses; and

(d) the steps being and have been taken to make the enterprise viable and profitable?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). Scooters India Limited has incurred losses as detailed below:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1978-79	474.54
1979-80	445.42
1980-81	490.02

(c) The losses are mainly due to the low volume of production and heavy interest burden.

(d) Proposals are under-way for diversification into new products with reference to market trends, for raising of production of various items of manufacture and for funding of additional investments and facilities required to achieve increased productivity and higher production volumes.

Diversification Programmes of H.E.C.

*261. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the new product diversification programmes being considered or to be

undertaken by the Heavy Engineering Corporation;

(b) whether the Heavy Engineering Corporation has entered or propose to enter into the export market this year; and

(c) if so, the names of such countries and the extent of export likely to be made to those countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) HEC have recently taken up the manufacture of Walking draglines and over-burden drills and plan to go in for the manufacture of 10 M³ shovels, rollgrinding machines, vertical turning and boring machines and Plano-Milling Machines.

(b) The company are already in the export market.

(c) HEC are exporting their products to Cuba, Turkey, Bulgaria, the USSR, Egypt and Bangladesh. At present export orders valued at Rs. 49 crores remain to be executed against pending orders. It is, however, not possible to predict their future export business as this would depend on enquiries received from abroad and HEC's ability to meet the requirements.

Use of Air as Fuel

*262. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently an engineer from Shimoga District in Karnataka State has proved that 'Air' could be used as fuel for the purpose of running vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives Government propose to give to the Engineer to perfect the Technology?