

construction of the Suburban Dispersal Line.

(c) The Report is currently under consideration of the Government.

Messand for Funds for Implementation of Social Welfare Programmes by the State

*26. SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (Social Welfare) be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments have made representations to the Centre that due to want of funds they cannot implement social welfare programmes ; and

(b) whether Government propose decentralisation of Social Welfare activities so that the Zilla Parishads could be activated ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) No ; Many State Governments have asked for more funds for Social Welfare Programmes. Grants are given to the State Governments within the allocations fixed for Plan Programmes.

(b) The responsibility of implementing social welfare programmes rests with the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to take action for decentralisation of social welfare activities if it is considered necessary to do so far activating the Zilla Parishads.

Reopening of Standard Car Factory in Madras

*27. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are plans to enable the Standard Car Factory in Madras to be reopened after sorting out the labour problems ; and

(b) if so, the details of the plans and the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). As a result of a settlement reached between the manage-

ment and the representatives of labour, the factory of M/S. Standard Motor Products of India, Madras had already been re-opened on the 22nd February, 1971.

Increase in Prices of Tyres and Tubes

*29. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether prices of tyres and tubes have gone high in black market due to the shortage of these products in the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps that Government have visualised to ensure the stability of price of tyres and tubes ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Although there is no overall shortage of automobile tyres and tubes in the country, shortages, to some extent, in certain categories of tyres, particularly truck and tractor tyres, are being experienced and reports alleging certain malpractices and irregularities in distribution were received during the last quarter of 1970.

(b) Government have recently issued Letters of Intent for establishment of additional capacity of 24 lakhs nos. each of automobile tyres and tubes. The manufacturers have also taken action to streamline and improve their distribution system.

Laying of Rail Track Between Kathua and Jammu

*30. SHRI INDER J. MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made for laying rail track between Kathua and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir State ; and

(b) the probable date by which the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAJIYA) : (a) The overall physical progress achieved upto end of February, 1971 is 28.62%.

(b) The line is expected to be completed in 1972.