

1970-71 (April—October is as follows :

Category of tyres	1969-70 (Nos.)	1970-71 (Nos.) (April—October)
Car tyres	527	447
Truck tyres	2686	33
Scooter tyres	—	—
Cycle tyres	—	—

(c) None.

Increase in Price of Essential Commodities

982. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of heavy influx of Displaced Persons from Bangala Desh the price of essential commodities has gone up in the Eastern States ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to maintain supply of essential commodities to keep the prices down ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The prices of essential commodities have, by and large, remained steady during the period before and after the influx of refugees from Bangla Desh.

(b) The Government is keeping a constant watch on the situation and steps to check any abnormal rise in price of essential commodities will be taken as and when called for.

Setting up of Plywood Factory and Paper Mill in Tripura

983. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Tripura recommended the setting up of Plywood Factory and a Paper Mill, in Tripura ; and

(b) whether Central Government have given necessary permission for setting up of these industries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approval was granted to a private party in January, 1966 to set up a plywood factory in Tripura. Government have not given any permission for the setting up of a Paper Mill.

Profitable use of Fly Ash

984. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) be pleased to state how far the fly ash produced by the power stations is being profitably used ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI B N. KUREEL): At present, the use of fly ash available from thermal power stations is limited to its being mixed with cement as Pozzo ana in concrete as also in the construction of dams, buildings and in the manufacture of concrete poles. The following steps have been taken to give an impetus to the greater use of fly ash :—

- (i) State Electricity Boards have been instructed to supply flyash to actual users at nominal price and free of cost to research institutions.
- (ii) Research institutions have been asked to carry out tests for utilising flyash as pozzolana in civil construction and roads.
- (iii) The cement manufacturing companies have been requested to use as much flyash as possible as pozzolana element in their portland pozzolana cement.

Annual Requirements of Wagons of the Indian Railways

985. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirements of the Indian Railways in regard to wagons of various types ; and