

(c) It is not possible to exactly assess its effect on the prices of other commodities as it will depend upon various other factors such as the extent to which the incidence of the increased cost of production has been shifted from industries to consumers, the increase in productivity, the demand for their products, the market conditions, the substitution of steel by other raw materials etc.

Allotment of Steel for fabrication of Drums and Barrels

*190. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9903 on the 7th May, 1968 and state:

(a) whether it was possible for the original licensed fabricators to meet the increased requirement of oil barrels;

(b) whether steel sheets were ever allotted to these original licensed fabricators even on one full shift basis of their licensed capacities before assessing their capacities; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not allotting steel sheets to these units on two shifts basis?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):

(a) Reference is invited to reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1852 on the 27-2-1968 and Unstarred Question No. 2848 on the 5-3-1968, wherein it has been explained that the needed supply rate of 4,700 tonnes per month for the petroleum industry and other consumers could not be effected unless the existing capacities were revised upward or new capacities created. The total assessed capacity at that time of the oil barrel industry was about 3,000 tonnes per month.

(b) and (c). The allocation of steel sheets to this industry has all along been made on the basis of single shift assessed capacities only.

Strike by Railway Firemen

*191. SHRI R. K. SINHA:
 SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI:
 SHRI KANWAR LAL
 GUPTA:
 SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR:
 SHRI S. R. RANE:
 SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI
 NATH:
 SHRI RAMAVTAR
 SHASTRI:
 SHRI D. B. RAJU:
 SHRI J. H. PATEL:
 SHRI G. S. REDDI:
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:
 SHRI SHARDA NAND:
 SHRI BHARAT SINGH
 CHAUHAN:
 SHRI JAGANNATH RAO
 JOSHI:
 SHRI ATAL BIHARI
 VAJPAYEE:
 SHRI SRADHAKAR
 SUPAKAR:
 SHRI K. G. DESHMUKH:
 SHRI V. NARASIMHA:
 RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several trains had to be cancelled on the Southern and South Central Railways as a result of the strike by firemen in the first week of July;

(b) if so, the reasons for the strike and the steps taken to end the strike; and

(c) the number of trains affected and the estimated loss during the strike?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):

(a) Yes Sir; due to the absence of a large number of firemen, train services, both passenger and goods, on certain divisions on these two Railways were affected.

(b) The reasons for this absence were reported to be non-redressal of the grievances of the Firemen. It is reported that the agitation was called

off by the Firemen in pursuance of a decision taken by their Joint action committee, on 18-7-68.

(c) As regards the number of trains affected, a statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1511|68.]

Regarding estimated loss, the same is being worked out by the zonal Railways. It has, however, been tentatively estimated that the same is of the order of Rs. 163 lakhs.

स्कूटरों का निर्माण

- *192 डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :
 श्री रामावतार शर्मा :
 श्री शिव कुमार शास्त्री :
 श्री प्रकाशर्षद शास्त्री :
 श्री स्वतन्त्र सिंह कोठारी :
 श्री अब्दुल गनी दार :

क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में स्कूटरों के उत्पादन के बारे में आगे कोई प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) क्या कुछ और नई कम्पनियों को लाइसेंस देने की योजना पर भी विचार हो रहा है ; और

(ग) स्कूटर उत्पादन क्षमता को कत्र तक बढ़ाया जायेगा ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) स्कूटरों का उत्पादन प्रति वर्ष लगातार बढ़ता जा रहा है । 1966 में इनकी उत्पादन संख्या 20,971, 1967 में 30,296 तथा 1968 के पहले छः महीनों में 17,539 थी ।

(ख) स्कूटरों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार ने उपयुक्त

लाभप्रद क्षमता के एक और कारखाने को लाइसेंस देने का निश्चय किया है । प्राप्त हुई लगभग 190 योजनाओं में से जिन तीन पार्टियों की योजना सबसे अधिक अच्छी समझी गई उनसे विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने के लिए कहा गया है । परियोजना रिपोर्टों की जांच करने के पश्चात् सबसे अधिक उपयुक्त योजना को लाइसेंस देने के लिए छांटा जायेगा । आशा है कि यह प्रक्रिया लगभग इस वर्ष के अन्त तक पूरी हो जायेगी ।

(ग) नये कारखाने में लाइसेंस दिये जाने के पश्चात् लगभग दो वर्षों में उत्पादन शुरू हो जाने की आशा की जा सकती है ।

Indianisation of Staff

*193. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of foreign firms are reluctant to Indianise their senior staff;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) In view of the progressive increase in the per-centage of Indians—from 7.9 per cent in 1947 to 90.5 per cent in 1967—employed by the foreign owned/controlled firms in the superior positions carrying total monthly emoluments of Rs. 1000 and above, it will appear that the foreign firms are taking steps to indianise their senior staff.

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