

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). A Letter of Credit for 10 per cent of the contract value has been established by the Iran Organisation. Trial rolling of the rail section has been undertaken in Bhilai Steel Plant. No shipment has so far taken place against this contract.

Talcher-Bimlagarh Rail Link

*27. SHRI S. KUNDU :
SHRI P. K. DEO :
SHRI D. N. DEB :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to conduct a technical and economic survey of Talcher—Bimlagarh rail link in Orissa ;

(b) whether Government have also decided to start the construction of the said rail line from 1971-72 ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c). Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys are proposed to be undertaken in 1969-70 for the Talcher-Bimlagarh rail link. A decision regarding to construction of the line can be taken only after the surveys are completed and the results thereof known.

Small Car Project

*28. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI MRITYUNJAY PRASAD :
SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA :
SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :
SHRI D. AMAT :
SHRI S. R. DAMANI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a final decision on the Small Car project has been taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether Government have received requests from the State Government seeking permission to set up Small Car Units in their states;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's decision in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Government of Mysore has sponsored a proposal for setting up of a project for the manufacture of Cars in collaboration with a Japanese firm.

(e) The proposal of the Mysore Government will be considered, along with other similar proposals, after a decision is taken on the inclusion of the Small Car project in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

Exemption of Indian Textite Exports from Britains Import Deposit Scheme

*29. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
SHRI M. L. SONDHI :
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV :
SHRI PRAKASHVIR SHASTRI :
SHRI J. MOHAMMAD IMAM :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government of U. K. has turned down India's plea for exempting its textile exports to that country from the import deposit scheme;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the U. K. Government has been told to ask Hong Kong administration to modify customs tariffs;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Hong Kong authorities with regard to the discrimination between two commonwealth countries;

(e) the extent to which India's exports of textiles and other goods to that country are likely to suffer as a result of this scheme; and

(f) the further steps Government propose to take in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision of the British Government has come as a disappointment to us.

(c) and (d). The matter is under discussion with the Government of U. K.

(e) It is too early to isolate and estimate quantitatively the precise effect of the Import Deposit Scheme on our Exports to U. K. Every effort is being made to ensure that in consequence Indian exports to the United Kingdom do not suffer any material injury.

The Reserve Bank of India has extended the time limit for repatriation of 50 per cent of the invoice value of exports to the U. K. from the usual 6 months to 8 months. It is expected that as a result Indian exporters will be able to meet competition offered by exporters of third countries.

मोटर गाड़ियों के पुर्जों का आयात

*30. श्री यशबन्त सिंह कुशवाह : क्या बंबेईशक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रि यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि :

(क) भारत में मोटर गाड़ियां बनाने के लिए मोटर गाड़ियों के पुर्जों के आयात पर प्रति वर्ष कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च होती है; और

(ख) ऐसे पुर्जों को देश में ही बनाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

बंबेईशक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री डॉ० रा० भगत) : (क) वर्ष 1967-68 में लगभग 26.30 करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च हुई और वर्ष 1968-69 में 22.00 करोड़ रुपये खर्च होने की सम्भावना है।

(ख) आयातित पुर्जों आदि को लगातार पटाया जा रहा है और इस समय मोटर गाड़ियों के लिए आयातित पुर्जों का मूल्य प्रतिशत 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक नहीं है जिसमें से अधिकांश इस्पात का कच्चा माल होता है।

Export of Manganese Ore to north Korea

1. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it has been decided to allow the export of Manganese ore to North Korea; and

(b) if so, the quantity of Manganese ore likely to be exported, the price charged for the same; and

(c) how this price compares in the world market ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI RAM SEWAK) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Contracts have yet to be concluded

Export/Import Licences to Shri Kantilal Morarji Desai

2. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number and value of import or export licences granted to Shri Kantilal Morarji Desai of his nominees of firms for