

Govt. will duly consider the recommendations of the Committee after they are received from the Small Scale Industries Board. A copy of the report will be placed on the Table of the House along with views of the Government thereon.

Quota of B. P. Sheets to Small Scale Industries

*489. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether small-scale industrial units manufacturing conduit pipes are given permits for B. P. Sheets ;

(b) if so, whether this basic material is supplied regularly to those units ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor :

(d) whether it is a fact that some of these units are not receiving any quota since 1965 ; and

(e) whether no quota has been allotted to any of the Industrial concerns in Punjab in the private sector and the whole quota has been allotted for the half year ending the 31st March, 1970 to various corporations only ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) to (d). There is a general shortage of B. P. Sheets. Available supplies are allocated to large scale and small scale sectors by the Joint Plant Committee. Allocations from indigenous production are placed at the disposal of the State Directors of Industries in bulk for distribution among individual small scale units in their jurisdiction including those manufacturing conduit pipes. Import of B. P. Sheets are also allowed to actual users in accordance with the import licensing policy for the current year (1969-70).

(e) The allocation under small scale industries quota for the current year (April 1969 to March 1970) has already been intimated to all State Directors of Industries (including Punjab) who have been requested to place their consolidated indents with the Joint Plant Committee.

Price of Coca Cola

*490. SHRI RAM SINGH AYAR-WAL :
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :
SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARTHII :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Coca Cola was raised many times in the last three years ;

(b) if so, what was its price three years ago and what is the retail price at present ;

(c) whether it is a fact that price of this drink was raised because the price of sugar went up ; and

(d) if so, the reasons why the price of this drink has not been reduced now when the price of sugar has fallen ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F.A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). The price of Coca Cola was increased from 25p to 30p per bottle in 1965/1966 and to 40p per bottle in 1967.

(c) Increase in the price of sugar was one of the reasons for the increase in the price of the Coca Cola ; and

(d) The Coca Cola Bottlers have stated that while there is a price reduction in sugar, on account of increased over-head costs and other material costs, they have not been able to bring down the cost of Coca Cola. There is no price control on Coca Cola.

Manufacture of Small Cars by Sanjay Gandhi

*491. SHRI PILOO MODY :
SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI :
SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :
SHRI K. M. KUSHIK :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Sanjay Gandhi is proposing to manufacture small