

cars in a big way and a prototype was recently completed for demonstration and, if so, the particulars thereof ; and

(b) how many cars have already been assembled so far by Shri Sanjay Gandhi and whether Government are aware of his future programme for the manufacture of small cars ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Shri Sanjay Gandhi has submitted a scheme for the manufacture of small cars and has recently demonstrated a prototype of the car. The prototype is powered by a 24 HP two cylinder air cooled engine mounted in the rear, is capable of seating five persons and has two doors.

Shri Sanjay Gandhi has assembled only one prototype so far. He proposes to make suitable changes in his engine design, drive and other body designs, etc. in the light of the results of the tests on this prototype before finalising the production model. The scheme envisages an ultimate production of 50,000 cars per annum and commencement of production from the third year after its approval. Full capacity is to be reached in the subsequent four years. The scheme does not involve import of either capital goods or components or raw-materials.

An application for an industrial licence for the manufacture of cars on the above basis has been received from Shri Gandhi and is under examination.

Surplus Production of Cement

*492. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the surplus production of cement during the first six months of the year ;

(b) how much the surplus increase will be from the new factories in Mysore, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh ;

(c) what is the estimate for export and at what subsidy in the total ;

(d) if the surplus will still continue, have Government any plans for new constructions ; and

(e) if so, on what expectations of demand ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) There was no surplus production of cement during the first six months of 1969.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 1.5 lakh tonnes involving a subsidy of about Rs. 58 lakhs for 1969.

(d) and (e). Cement Corporation of India Ltd. is setting up 3 cement factories each with an annual capacity of 2 lakh tonnes at Mandhar (M. P.), Kurkunta (Mysore) and Bokajan (Assam) to meet the increasing demand for cement. Demand for cement is expected to increase by about 10% annually.

Restriction regarding Resale of Tractors

*493. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision to ban resale of tractors within three years of their purchase as was proposed by him during the last Session ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : A control order to regulate the distribution and sale of tractors, which would provide, amongst other things, prohibition on the re-sale of tractors before the expiry of two years from the date of purchase, is being finalised in consultation with the other Ministries concerned.

Decline in Industrial Investments in West Bengal

*494. DR. P. MANDAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial investments have been on the decline in the State of West Bengal and, if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the new