

SHRI NAMBIAR :
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH
GARCHA :

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

(a) whether the two private sector firms manufacturing Vespa and Lambretta scooters had suggested that these vehicles may be produced in public sector after the expiry of the agreements with their foreign collaborators in December this year;

(b) whether these concerns indicated their willingness to be associated with such a project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). In pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee of Technical Experts, set up by Government to advise them on a suitable indigenous design and programme of production of scooters in the public sector, exploratory discussions were held with the representatives of the two scooter manufacturers, namely, M/s. Automobiles Products of India and M/s. Bajaj Auto, to ascertain their competence and willingness to assist the proposed public sector project with their drawings, technical data, manufacturing information, etc. A communication has recently been received from M/s. Bajaj Auto on the 11th July, 1970 giving their reactions. They have expressed their willingness to assist the establishment of a scooter factory in the public sector on certain conditions. The reply of M/s. A.P.I. is awaited. However, both the firms have applied for permission to expand their production.

The question of the manufacture of scooters in the public sector is still under consideration of the Government.

साइकिलों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

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श्री जगेन्द्र बाबू :

श्री बिश्वनाथ मेनन :

श्री चन्द्रशेखर सिंह :

श्री मारलण्डे राय :

क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा आन्तरिक व्यापार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने साइकिल निर्माताओं को साइकिलों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने की अनुमति दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इसका प्रभाव अधिकांश मध्य आय के लोगों पर पड़ेगा ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा आन्तरिक व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उप-मन्त्री (श्री मं० रं० कृष्ण) :
(क) से (ग). सरकार ने बाइसिकल निर्माताओं को पहली जून, 1970 से बाइसिकल के मूल्यों में 9.50 रु० वृद्धि करने की अनुमति दी है। मूल्य वृद्धि की अनुमति :

(1) वित्त मन्त्रालय की लागत लेबा शाखा के प्रतिवेदन के प्राप्त हो जाने; तथा

(2) पुर्जों और कच्चे माल जैसे इस्पात, निकल आदि की कीमतों में हुई वृद्धि को व्यापार में रखने के उपरांत दी गई थी।

Manufacture of Cheap Scooters by
Praga Tools Ltd.

*40. SHRI K.M. MADHUKAR :
SHRI ESWARA REDDY :

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

(a) whether the Praga Tools Ltd., has

submitted a scheme for the manufacture of cheap scooters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(d) whether Government have since approved the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Praga Tools propose to utilise their spare capacity for taking up the manufacture of scooters of an indigenous design with an initial capacity of 1,00,000 scooters per annum.

(c) It is estimated that an additional investment of about Rs. 5 crores would be required, in the initial stage, for implementing the scheme.

(d) The Scheme of M/s. Praga Tools Ltd. is being examined along with schemes received from other parties.

Issue of Licence for Setting up Automobile Tyre Factory in Kerala

*41. **SHRI P.P. ESTHOSE :**
SHRI A.K. GOPALAN :
SHRI P. GOPALAN :
SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to issue a licence to set up an Automobile Tyre factory in Kerala;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from Kerala with regard to this; and

(c) when the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) The question is under consideration.

(b) The Chief Minister of Kerala had discussions on this subject with the then Minister of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs in May 1970.

(c) The decision is expected to be taken soon.

Production of Electric Locomotives and Diesel Shunters at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

*42. **SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :**
SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO :

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a scheme under consideration of Government for the production of Electric Locomotives and Diesel Shunters at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works under the modernisation programme of the Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Broad Gauge Main Line Electric Locomotives and Broad Gauge Diesel Shunters are in production at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works from 1961 and 1967 respectively.

(b) The Chittaranjan Locomotive Works was originally planned for production of steam locomotives only. Against a target production of 168 steam locomotives per year the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works achieved a production level of 173 locomotives per year in 1959-60. Diversification of production commenced in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works from 1961 onwards. From that year, manufacture of Broad Gauge Electric Locomotives was undertaken and this was followed by production of Broad Gauge diesel shunting locomotives in 1967. Based on traffic