

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