

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). There is no unusual delay. The matter is being considered and the cotton price policy is expected to be announced shortly

Manufacture of Small Cars with Japanese Collaboration at Mysore

1019. Shri K Lakkappa;
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Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to set up a project for manufacturing Small Cars at Mysore with the Japanese collaboration and

(b) if so the main features of the same?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b) Among the several proposals received by Government for the manufacture of low cost cars one submitted by the Mysore State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation for the manufacture of the 'Mazda 800' family car in technical collaboration with a Japanese firm. The proposal envisages a capacity of 50,000 cars per year with an estimated investment of Rs. 17 crores in plant and machinery including Rs. 5 crores for imported machinery. As in the case of all such proposals received for the manufacture of a low cost car, a detailed questionnaire has been sent to the party for eliciting sufficient details about the proposal to enable Government to examine its economic feasibility

Powerloom and Woollen Hosiery Industry in Ludhiana

*1020. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that Ludhiana's powerloom and woollen hosiery industry is in the grip of acute crisis owing to the shortage of basic raw materials and other factors;

(b) if so, the reasons for this crisis, and

(c) the steps being taken to extricate these industries from this situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shaif Qureshi): (a) to (c) While representations have been received from these industries about their difficulties in getting raw materials etc, Government are not aware of any crisis. All possible steps are being taken to see that the industries get reasonable supplies of raw materials, consistent with the supply, overall demand and foreign exchange difficulties

Import of Sulphur

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Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state

(a) whether two Greek vessels 'Demitrios' and 'Apatouria' have brought bulk sulphur to Bombay from Gdynia in Poland;

(b) whether the Manifesto and Bills of Lading of these vessels have been discovered to be made in Rotterdam,

(c) whether this rule has been adopted by the shipping lines to cheat India of its foreign exchange, since we have Rupee barter deals with Poland;

(d) whether the vessel "Apatouria" is still in Bombay port and the State