

नाम, अंतर्गत इक्विटी निवेश, विनिर्माण/कार्यकलापों की मर्दों को प्रकाशित किया जाता है और इनका प्रकाशन औद्योगिक सहायता सचिवालय के मासिक सूचना-पत्र में भी किया जाता है, जिसकी प्रतियों की आपूर्ति संसद पुस्तकालय को नियमित रूप से की जाती है।

(घ) विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश का 23,514.10 करोड़ रुपये की राशि का अन्तर्वाह मार्च, 1997 तक प्राप्त हो गया है।

Gold deposits in the country

*64. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR

SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT

RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) which are the areas and regions in our country where there are deposits of gold;

(b) what steps are being taken to explore these deposits; and

(c) when will this exploration begin?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Gold prospects have been identified in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar. Minor occurrences of gold are also reported from the States of Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and from the Siwalik belt of northern India.

(b) and (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) is a premier organisation in the field of earth sciences engaged, inter-alia, in the exploration of gold prospects in the country. GSI undertakes geological mapping, geo-chemical and geo-physical surveys (ground and aerial), pitting-trenching, sampling and drilling to explore the gold prospects. During the current field season of October '97 to September '98, GSI has a programme to undertake 46 field investigations for gold. Besides, the State Directorates of Mining

& Geology also undertake the exploration work for locating the gold deposits in the country. The detailed exploration for establishing the economic viability of any project is undertaken by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL). Companies registered in India can also undertake exploration of the gold deposits as per the National Mineral Policy, 1993 and Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957. Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a PSU under the Ministry of Mines, have also been undertaking exploration for gold and recently this company in collaboration with Broken Hills Proprietary Minerals Inc. (BHPM) of Australia have commenced on 17th November, 1997 aerial survey for 13,500 Sq. Kms. of area in Rajasthan for locating base metals and precious metals including gold.

Prices of cars manufactured by MUL

*65. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has lost its basic purpose of producing a common man's car, and the prices of various models of Maruti-cars and other vehicles have gone far beyond the reach of the common man; and

(b) if so, the prices of different Maruti-vehicles as in vogue at present, and how far they are within the reach of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) became a non-Government company on 2nd June, 1992, when the share of Government of India decreased to 49.74% with the signing of the Subscription and Amendment Agreement between Government of India, Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan and MUL.

The basic policy of MUL as per this Agreement is inter alia:

- (i) to continuously contribute to the market by supplying competitive motor vehicles of good quality at competitive prices; and
- (ii) to make profits from its operations.

Pricing of various models are commercial decisions taken by MUL, management and do not fall under the Government's purview. As per MUL, prices of their vehicles are competitive as would be evident from the table enclosed.

TABLE

Current vehicle prices (in Rs.)

MODEL	DELHI EX-SHOWROOM
OMNI-(MUL)	182,352
MARUTI 800 (STD)-(MUL)	202,698
PREMIER (S1)	214,245
MARUTI 800 DLX-(MUL)	234,575
PADMINI [BE & BU (WITHOUT AC)]	240,264
PREMIER (S1) EXECUTIVE	242,844
PADMINI DLX (BE & BU) (WITH AC)	273,696
PADMINI 137D	277,704
PADMINI 137D DELUXE	291,881
118NE (STD)	302,243
AMBASSADOR ISUZU	303,065
UNO NON-AC	303,197
AMBASSADOR DX DIESEL	305,228
PADMINI 137D DELUXE AC	318,124
AMBASSADOR ISUZU BE AC	336,080
AMBASSADOR ISUZU BU AC	337,692
118NE (AC)	338,515
ZEN-(MUL)	342,678
UNO AC	348,834
M 1000 (STD)-(MUL)	349,913

MODEL	DELHI EX-SHOWROOM
118 NE 1.38 DIESEL	355,370
M 1000 AC-(MUL)	404,470
ZEN (AT)-(MUL)	419,093
CONTESSA DIESEL	445,764
CONTESSA GLX	448,041
ESTEEM (LX)-(MUL)	469,041
TATA SIERRA	494,883
PEUGEOT 309	503,620
TATA ESTATE	506,854
ESTEEM (VX)-(MUL)	535,551
CIELO(GL)	548,799
ESTEEM (AX)-(MUL)	595,276
CIELO (GLE)	620,239
FORD ESCORT PETROL	634,551
PEUGEOT 309 DIESEL	663,469
FORD ESCORT LX PETROL	668,667
CIELO (GLEAT)	646,920
CIELO (GLX)	679,639
CIELO (GLX AIRBAG)	706,639
CIELO (GLX AT)	706,320
OPEL ASTRA	732,124
CIELO (GLX AT AIRBAG)	733,320
FORD ESCORT DIESEL	768,227
FORD ESCORT LX DIESEL	802,994

EX-SHOWROOM PRICES ARE EXCLUDING INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION COSTS SORTED AS ASCENDING EX-SHOWROOM DELHI PRICES.

Supply of equipment by BHEL

*66. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay on the part of