

Amount locked up in sick industrial units

129. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 3274 crores is locked up in sick industrial units;

(b) whether Government have made any survey recently to assess the viability of these sick industrial units;

(c) if so, what are the results of the survey; and

(d) whether any change in the norms for taking over the sick industrial units by Government is proposed to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Data on sick industrial units in the country assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. According to the latest data available from it for the period ending December 1984, an amount of Rs. 3684 crores was outstanding against the sick industrial units in the country.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, According to the Policy guidelines issued in October, 1981, the viability of sick industrial units is assessed from time to time by the banks/financial institutions which assist them on the merits of each case.

(d) No, Sir.

Increase in prices of Maruti Cars

130. SHRI SHANKAR SINH
VAGHELA :

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH
MALIK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maruti Udhog Ltd. recently increased the prices of Maruti Cars ;

(b) if so, the quantum of increase in prices ; and

(c) the reasons for increasing the prices of each product ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.K. TEWARI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed;

(c) Higher cost of production on account of appreciation of Yen and increased fiscal levies etc. made price increase inevitable.

Statement

Model	Increase in Ex-Factory Price per car (with effect from 4-6-1986)
Maruti-800 (White and Blue)	6,800
Maruti-800 (Red, Brown and Green)	6,039
Maruti-800 AC	8,700
Maruti-800 DX	8,800

Projects lagging far behind

131. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI RAMAKRISHNA
MAZUMADAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eastern Coalfield Limited has about 40 new projects in hand and each of them is lagging far behind the schedule ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated cost-escalation for each project ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) . Of the 40 Coal mining projects each costing R5.2 crores more sanctioned for implementation in Eastern Coalfields Limited, 12 had been completed upto March, 1986, 17 are on schedule and 8 are lagging b -hind for various reasons, like non-availability of land, law and

order problem, geological disturbances delay in shaft sinking. One project could not be started due to non-availability of land. The remaining two were abandoned/ closed due to local youth problem and change in geominig conditions.

(c) Revised Cost Es'timates for some of these projects have been approved by the Government and others are being prepared by the coal company and CEMPDI The project-wise likely revised cost estimates of eight projects that are delayed are given below :—

S.No.	Name of project	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in crores)	Anticipated Revised Cost (Rs. in crores)
1	Khottadib UG	9.07	80.00
2	Sectalpur UG	4.79	25.00
3	J.R. Nagar UG	15.18	30.00
4	Parbelia UG	12.51	15.00
5	Bankola UG	8.18	Revised Project Reports are under preparation.
6	North Searsole UG	9.92	
7	Satgram UG	26.37	
8	Ratibati UG	9.94	

Fall in price of petrol in international market

132. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMAKRISHNA
MAZUMDAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the international market the price of petrol is falling ;

(b) if so, whether Government considers is desirable to proportionately reduce the price of petrol, diesel etc., in the domestic market;

(c) whether Government have stepped up the spot purchase of crude to take advantage of falling prices; and

(d) whether Government is considering a proposal for conserving the stocks of domestic crude, by meeting the oil needs by larger imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROH-ATAGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.