

Bicycle Industry in India

494. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of bicycle industry in the country;

(b) whether Government have studied the problems;

(c) what are the details thereof; and

(d) what remedial steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) No specific problems have been brought to the notice of Government by the scale sector. However, the bicycle industry as a whole.

All bicycle components (except free wheels) are reserved for the small scale sector. However, the bicycle manufacturing units are allowed to manufacture chains, rims and frames for captive consumption and upto approved capacities only.

Manufacture of Scooters

495. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) the names of the existing units and also new units which have been

granted expansion as well as licence for the manufacture of scooters, their capacity and by when the scooters are likely to be marketed;

(b) the names of their foreign collaborators with terms and conditions thereof particularly the foreign exchange component involvement; and

(c) whether any action has been taken to reactivate the Aravali Scooter Manufacturing Unit in Alwar (Rajasthan) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) and (b). Details of various existing manufacturers and new parties who have been granted licenses/letters of intent for the manufacture of 2-wheelers including scooters and the parties with whom they have proposed to collaborate are indicated in the Statement attached. (See below) The terms of collaboration differ from case to case depending on the product, volume of production, standing of the collaborator, level of technology etc. Generally the terms involve a lump-sum payment for transfer of technical know-how etc. and payment of royalty for a specified period. In some cases, equity participation by the foreign collaborator is also envisaged.

(c) M/s. Aravali Swachalit Vahan (Rajasthan) is being re-activated by M/s. Kelvinator of India Ltd., Faridabad for the manufacture of scooters.

Statement

Name of the Unit	Additional capacity approved	Name of the foreign collaborator
1	2	3
1. Bajaj Auto Ltd.	3,00,000	..
2. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd.	36,000	Piaggio of Italy
3. Enfield India Ltd.	90,000	Zundapp Werke, Germany.
4. Majestic Auto	2,00,000	Honda of Japan.