

(b) how such collaboration is likely to adversely affect the interests of the indigenous blade industry?]

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चरणजीत चानाना) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

Tyre manufacturers

2039. SHRI B. D. KHOBRA-GADE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tyre manufacturers had assured the Government in September, 1980 that they would reduce the prices of the tyres;

(b) whether in spite of such assurance the manufacturers have increased prices of tyres and in case of some truck-tyres prices have been increased by as much as Rs. 100/-; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to implement the assurance of manufacturers and control the prices of tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) The tyre manufacturers had assured the Government that they would reduce the prices of Scooter and Passenger Car tyres.

(b) The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association have reported that in pursuance of this assurance prices of Scooter and Passenger Car tyres were reduced. As regards price of truck tyres, only one company has reported a price increase of upto Rs. 40/-.

†[] English translation.

(c) The Government have impressed upon the industry the need to maintain the price line.

Scheme for industrial development in backward districts

2040. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have drawn up a Rs. 2,500 crore scheme for accentuated industrial development of at least two backward districts in each State;

(b) if so, whether the States have been asked to identify these districts;

(c) what are the main points of the proposed scheme; and

(d) when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The operative instrument of this scheme is to plan and build the momentum of industrial growth in backward areas through nucleus plants with necessary forward and backward linkages in the shape of ancillaries. The ancillarisation effect of this new scheme would promote a spread out effect through the generation of higher employment, dispersed investment and higher per capita income of the people in the area.

(d) State Governments have been asked to identify the districts and product lines, so that intensive studies preparatory to the actual programme of implementation could be initiated jointly by Central and State teams in the selected areas.