

subsidy has been granted for essential consumer and capital goods transportation, and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of subsidy for each item for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b) Sikkim has been identified industrially and economically backward State. All the 4 districts of Sikkim State, namely, Gangtok, Mangan, Gyalshing and Namchi, are covered w.e.f. 10-5-1975 under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, 1971. Entire territory of Sikkim State is also covered under the Transport Subsidy Scheme, 1971, w.e.f. 5-12-1977.

Under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, 15 per cent subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs 15 lakhs on the fixed assets created for setting up of an industrial unit granted to an entrepreneur. Under the Transport Subsidy Scheme, 50 per cent of the transport costs on the import of raw materials and export of finished goods to and from the selected railhead to the location of unit is granted. In case of Sikkim State, Siliguri has been declared as selected rail-head. 'Raw material' means any raw material actually required by an industrial unit in its manufacturing programme. 'Finished goods' means, goods actually produced by an industrial unit in accordance with its manufacturing programme.

During the years 1976-77 and 1979-80 a sum of Rs. 1,33,830/- and Rs. 3,56,992/- respectively was reimbursed to State Government on account of Central Investment Subsidy disbursed to various industrial units set up in the State.

No claim on account of Transport Subsidy has been received from the State Government so far.

Black market in commercial vehicles

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant black-marketing in truck chassis, which appeared in the 'Economic Times', Delhi of 1st August, 1980 under the caption 'commercial vehicles black-marketing rampant,' if so, what are the details in this regard-and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the growing demand of truck chassis and curb black-marketing?

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

(a) There is a substantial waiting list in respect of TELCO and Ashok Leyland Chassis, which are the makes preferred by the customers. Manufactured that vehicles are sold by their dealers to the customers only at authorised prices.

(b) The two major manufacturers of commercial vehicles have already been permitted to expand their capacity. Steps have also been taken to augment the production through input support, technical support, as also through the creation of additional capacity.