

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Science and Technology has sponsored two projects dealing with various aspects of Research, Development and Documentation of information on Bullock-carts namely: Modernisation of Bullock cart transportation system; and Preparation of a Country Manual on Animal-drawn Vehicles, at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. Under the first Project, which has been completed, several prototypes/designs which will suit varying road conditions, animal size, load levels etc. have been developed, and these are being tested under field conditions in different parts of the country. The cost of the prototypes ranged between Rs. 1200 to Rs. 2800, (today the prices will be between Rs. 1500 and Rs. 2300 with some additional improvements). Important aspects that have been covered relate to harnessing and yoking system, materials used and engineering design aspects.

Under the second Project, 50 odd engineering drawings of animal drawn transportation systems from various parts of country and about 100 photographs of different designs from several States have been collected. The document is under preparation.

Bajaj and Priya Scooters

*309. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bajaj and Priya Scooters are being sold at a higher premium; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to control such profiteering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) The manufacturers of Bajaj and Priya

Scooters have reported that no customer is required to pay any amount in excess of the prescribed price for the purchase of scooter from the authorised dealers.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation of more Funds for Their Dam

♦310. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister or PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has approached the Central Government for allocation of more funds to complete the work on the Theirs Dam;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) For the 1980-81 plan, the Punjab Government proposed an outlay of Rs. 13.50 crores for Theirs Project. Taking into account the total size of the Plan and the requirements of the Irrigation and Power sector in relation to other sectors and the available resources, an allocation of Rs. 12 crores has been agreed to.

Setting up cement plant in Andhra Pradesh

♦311. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a cement plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have taken a final decision in this regard; and