

(b) and (c) The resignation of Justice Shri A. K. Sarkar has not yet been accepted by the Government.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The entire aspect of continuing investigations in this regard is under review.

Foreign collaboration for manufacture of automobile

232. DR. (SHRIMATI) SATHIAVANI MUTHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the demand for automobiles in the country is met by indigenous production and by imports;

(b) whether certain firms have been permitted to have foreign collaboration to manufacture automobiles in the country; and

(c) if so, the names of the firms the extent of foreign collaboration involved and the nature of the collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) The demand for passenger cars is met by indigenous production. Import of cars is largely confined to specialised type fitted with disability control to meet the specific requirements of disabled persons.

In so far as commercial vehicles are concerned, the demand is met by domestic production. Special steps have been taken to augment the indigenous manufacturing capacity of commercial vehicles by about 40 per cent in this year in order to meet the increase in demand. The proposal of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport to import bus chassis, if so required, to supplement indigenous availability of chassis, has been cleared to the extent of 1500 numbers.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating those vehicle manufacturers who availed of foreign collaboration at sometime or the other is attached.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	Name of collaborator	Product	Nature of collaboration Financial(F)/ Technical (T)
1.	M/s. Tata Engineering & Locomotive Co. Ltd., Bombay.	Daimler Benz West Germany.	Commercial Vehicles	F/T
2.	M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd., Madras	British Leyland U.K.	Do.	F/T
3.	M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd., Calcutta	1. General Motors Corpn. U.S.A. 2. Vauxhall Motors U.K.	Commercial Vehicles and Passenger cars.	T
4.	M/s. Premier Automobiles Ltd. Bombay	Chrysler Corpn. USA Fiat U.S.A. Italy.	Do.	T
5.	M/s. Standard Motor Products Limited, Madras	Triumph Motors U.K.	Do.	F/T
6.	M/s. Bajaj Tempo Ltd., Pune	1. Rhainstahal Hanomag AG West Germany 2. Zahmadfabrith A AGD West Germany	Light commercial Vehicles.	F/T
7.	M/s. Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, Bombay	American Motors USA	Jeep type vehicles.	F/T