

मशीनें मै० सिंगर सिमार्ड मशीन क पी को लागत मे कम मूल्य पर देते थे जिससे कि उनको घाटा हुआ । परिणामस्वरूप स्टेट बैंक आफ इण्डिया से सहायता के प्रबन्ध किये गये तथा लागत लेखाकारों की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर मूल्य वृद्धि का सहारा लेना पड़ा । अन्य कारणों में येन की सम मूल्य दर काफी बढ़ जाना शामिल है जिससे कि आयातित हिस्से पुर्जों की कीमत बढ़ गई ।

(ग) तथा (घ) कम उत्पादन के कारण इन मशीनों की उपलब्धता को पूर्णतया मुनिश्चित नहीं किया जा सका है । यह मामला निर्माताओं तथा विक्रेता कम्पनी, दोनों, के साथ उठाया गया है । उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के विचार से इन मशीनों का निर्माण करने वाले अन्य एककों को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए भी कदम उठाये गये हैं । ऐसी आशा है कि उत्पादन में वृद्धि होने से सस्ते मूल्यों पर बढ़ी हुई मांग सन्तोषजनक ढंग से पूरी की जा सकती है ।

† [THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b) The knitting machines manufactured by M/s. Simac Group (India) Private Limited are marketed by M/s. Singer Sewing Machine Company. The price rise in the selling price since 1975 has been generally as follows:—

1975	Rs. 1550
1976	Rs. 1725
1977	Rs. 2775
1978	Rs. 3025

As regard reasons for rise in price, M/s. Simac Group (India) Private Limited have reported that they were selling the machines for local sales to M/s. Singer Sewing Machine Company at a price which was below their cost, on account of which they suffered loss. Consequently, arrangements were entered into with the State Bank of India for assistance and based on the report of Cost Accountants, price

increase was resorted to. Other reasons include rise in the parity rate of Yen, thus increasing the cost of the imported components.

(c) and (d) The availability of these machines is not being fully ensured on account of the low production. The matter has been taken up with both the manufacturers and the marketing company. Steps have also been taken to render assistance to other units making these machines with a view to stepping up the availability. It is expected that with increase in production, increased demand satisfaction can be ensured at economic prices.]

#### Persons killed in Akali-police clashes in New Delhi

272. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:  
SHRI BHIM RAJ:  
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons killed and injured and the estimated loss of property during the recent Akali Dal—police clashes in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): During the recent Akali demonstrations in Delhi, 3 persons including one constable were killed, while another person died following cardiac arrest. 83 persons including 56 police personnel received injuries. 12 vehicles were burnt while 41 were damaged.

#### Article captioned 'Aligarh and after'

273. SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article captioned "Aligarh and after" appearing in the 'Indian Express' of the 18th October 1978, apportioning blame on some Central agencies for their inability to foresee the Aligarh riots; and

(b) if so, what is Government's action thereto?