

consultation with the Planning Commission. Further details are being worked out by respective State Governments which will be examined when they submit integrated tribal development projects for consideration of the Government of India.]

Shortage of tyres and tubes

*220. SHRI KASIM ALI ABID:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of tyres and tubes for the commercial vehicles in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of this shortage, the manufacturers are required to export certain percentage of tyres and tubes manufactured by them;

(c) whether Government also permit import of tyres and tubes for commercial vehicles to meet the shortage in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review the policy regarding export of tyres and tubes in view of the indigenous requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The availability of tyres and tubes for commercial vehicles such as buses and trucks in the country has fallen short of the demand due to various constraints like power cuts, labour unrest and inadequate availability of raw material. The availability position has however eased considerably during the last few months.

(b) The tyre manufacturers are required to export ten per cent of their production, in accordance with the condition imposed in the Industrial licences issued to them.

(c) Government have decided to import 5,000 Nos. of tyres and tubes for buses/trucks from Sri Lanka. In addition, import of limited quantity of tyres and tubes has also been allowed against the motor vehicles spare parts import licences issued to the State Road Transport Undertakings.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Representation of staff artists for fixation of pay scales

*221. SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:

SHRI G. C. TOTU:

SHRI N. S. TALIB:

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA:

SHRI S. A. HASHMI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff artists of the All India Radio have made a representation to Government for the fixation of their pay scales in accordance with the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Some staff artists have made representations preferring fixation of their pay scales in the light of the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission.

(b) The matter is under consideration.