

(क) इस समय देश में कितने ऐसे कारखाने हैं जो स्कूटरों का उत्पादन कर रहे हैं;

(ख) गत पांच वर्षों में पूर्णतः देशी पुर्जों से स्कूटरों का निर्माण करने के लिए सरकार के पास कितने आवेदन-पत्र आये और कितने व्यक्तियों को आशय-पत्र जारी किये गये; और

(ग) सरकार स्कूटरों की माँग को पूरी तरह कब तक पूरा करने का विचार कर रही है?

SCOOTER INDUSTRY

129. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Industrial units which are producing scooters at present in the country.

(b) the number of applications received by Government for manufacturing scooters with full indigenous components during the last five years and the number of persons who have been issued letters of intent; and

(c) by when Government propose to meet fully the demand for scooters ?]

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(ख) स्कूटरों का निर्माण करने के लिए 1971 के अन्त तक 46 आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए थे । अब तक 24 पार्टियों को आशयपत्र स्वीकृत किए गये हैं ।

(ग) यह बताना सम्भव नहीं है कि सरकार कब तक स्कूटरों की माँग पूर्ण रूप से पूरी कर सकेगी । फिर भी, यह आशा है

कि आगामी तीन वर्षों के अन्दर संभरण स्थिति काफी सुधर जायेगी ।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Four.

(b) Forty six applications for manufacture of scooters were received upto the end of 1971. Letters for intent have been granted to twenty-four parties so far.

(c) It is not possible to state by when Government will be able to meet the demand for scooters fully. However, it is expected that the supply position will ease considerably within the next three years.!

INDUSTRIAL POSITION IN WEST BENGAL

130. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKERJEE:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :

SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study about the industrial position in the State of West Bengal during the last year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). Government have not made any specific study about the industrial position in West Bengal during the last year. A careful watch has, however, been kept on the industrial situation of that State. A number of steps have been taken to revive the industrial climate of West Bengal. Some of the steps taken are the

announcement of the 16-point programme whose progress is constantly reviewed. The Industrial Reconstruction Corporation of India has been established with headquarters in Calcutta to revive the sick/closed units. The Corporation is at present restricting its activity to the State of West Bengal. The State Government has announced an incentive scheme for attracting industries to West Bengal. The Government of West Bengal has reported that in response to these measures there has been an appreciable improvement in the industrial activity and investment climate in the State.

RAW MATERIAL BANE.

131. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR
MUKHERJEE :

SHRIK.B. CHETTRI:

DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :

SARDAR AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish Raw Material Bank in the State of West Bengal for steady supply of raw materials to the industrial units in the State, and

(b) if so, (he details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). The State Government of West Bengal has been asked to explore the possibilities of creating a Raw Material Bank for meet-ing emergent needs of their units.

REHABILITATION OF PAPER MILLS IN WEST BENGAL

132. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Paper Mills Association has urged the Government to review the cases of the paper mills in West Bengal for their speedy rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate these units ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No proposals have been received either from Indian Paper Mills Association or the State Government for rehabilitation of paper mills in West Bengal.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT OF OIJ MACHINERY

133. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed Indian Industrialists to import old machinery and plants; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the change in import policy f

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) As a rule, import of second-hand machinery and plant is not permitted. Import of old machinery and plant is allowed only when there is adequate justification and the old machinery found in good condition, certified by Chartered Engineers as having a long period of useful life, and also when such plant and equipment are available at a positively economical price owing to the rapid obsolescence of technology and machinery in developed countries. However, to safeguard against the import of completely worn out and out of date machinery into the country, all requests