

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: In order to speed up the utilisation of capacity, the following measures have been adopted by the Government and these have been enumerated in the answer itself. ✓

✓ STATUTORY PROTECTION TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

- *7. SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:†
SHRI T. C. DESHMUKH:
SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI:
SHRI S. S. BOBDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the demand of small scale industrialists to give statutory protection by enacting a law on the pattern of the USA "Small Business Administration Act," and if so, what is Government's reaction to such a demand?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): The matter is under consideration.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: In reply to a previous question the Minister said that all incentives are being given to the small-scale industries. This is the first time that he is here and being new I do not want to ask any questions now. ✓

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

REPORT OF CAR PRICES COMMISSION

- *5. SHRI K. J. N. PRASAD:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR:
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A.G. Kulkarni.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Car Prices Commission which was appointed in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement has submitted its Report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Commission; and

(c) the details of the recommendations which have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. ✓

CEMENT FACTORIES

- *8. DR. SALIG RAM:
SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP
SINHA:
SHRI ARJUN ARORA:
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cement factories which have been set up by the Cement Corporation with the places of their location; and

(b) what is the production capacity of each factory and what is the actual production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) The Cement Corporation has so far set up two factories with a capacity of two lakh tonnes per annum each at Mandhar in Madhya Pradesh and Kurkunta in Mysore. The former started production on 19-7-1970 while the latter is expected to begin trial runs

shortly. The setting up of two more factories with the similar capacities at Bokajan in Assam and at Paonta in Himachal Pradesh is also under consideration.

The production at Mandhar from 19-7-1970 to end of February 1971 is 84,775 tonnes. ✓

CAPACITY UTILISATION IN HINDUSTAN STEEL LTD.

*9. SHRI M. K. MOHTA:
SHRISUNDAR MANIPATEL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity utilisation in the Hindustan Steel Ltd. expressed as a percentage of the rated capacity; and

(b) how does the capacity utilisation in Hindustan Steel Ltd. compare with that of the private sector steel plants showing the reasons for variation, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM):
(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The following table indicates percentage of capacity utilisation in terms of Steel Ingots and Saleable Steel during the period April, 1970 to February, 1971 (11 months) in respect of the public sector steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur under Hindustan Steel Limited and the private sector steel plants of TISCO and IISCO.

Plant	Percentage of capacity utilisation	
	Steel Ingot	Saleable Steel
Bhilai	77.23	77.23
Rourkela	57.33	55.30

Percentage of capacity utilisation

Plant	Steel Ingot	Saleable Steel
Durgapur	39.26	34.86
TISCO	85.49	90.84
IISCO	61.83	64.80

Production was adversely affected by disturbed industrial relations at Durgapur and IISCO and to some extent at Rourkela. At Durgapur and Rourkela, there are also certain technical and operational constraints/deficiencies, which are being attended to. The capacity utilisation at Bhilai and TISCO was on the whole satisfactory. ✓

COLLABORATION FOR MANUFACTURE OF SMALL CAR

*10. SHRI GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ford Company has a collaboration agreement with an Indian firm for the manufacture of tractors;

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

(c) whether the Ford Company has submitted to the Government of India a proposal to manufacture a small car and has offered to send a team to India to study the cost of manufacture and determine the price at which the car can be marketed; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Escort Tractors Ltd., New Delhi have been granted an industrial licence on 5-8-1970 for the manufacture of 'Ford' 3000 (45 HP) Agricultural Tractors for a capacity of 6,000 Nos. per annum at Faridabad in the State of Haryana in collaboration with M/s.