

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint working group consisting of representatives of India, U.A.R. and Yugoslavia which was set up in pursuance of an industrial co-operation agreement among the three countries, has identified four production lines for tripartite collaboration;

(b) if so, what are these four joint ventures for establishment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these three countries are also considering a proposal to lower import tariffs on several new items;

(d) whether all the three countries have felt that early establishment of the joint ventures will be advantageous to all the three countries; and

(e) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) T. V. Glass Bulbs.

(2) T. V. Picture Tubes;

(3) 55-60 H. P. Wheeled Tractors.

(4) Scooters.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) As regards T. V. glass bulbs and T. V. picture tubes, the concerned enterprises have been directed to prepare a detailed project report within a period of six months. As regards wheeled tractors and scooters, further action will be taken after the specific models to be manufactured on a tripartite basis have been selected.

#### LOSS SUFFERED BY RAILWAYS AS A RESULT OF FLOODS

307. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

DR. B. N. ANTANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether several railway lines were affected as a result of the floods in various parts of U.P., West Bengal and Gujarat and many train services had to be suspended; and

(b) the details of loss incurred by railways, as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Yes,

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### VIEW OF WESTERN INDIA AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION ABOUT PEOPLE'S CAR

308. SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the Western India Automobile Association have pronounced the people's car as "an absolute myth"; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Government are not aware of the views of the Western India Automobile Association referred to in the question. Government have already decided, in principle, to set up a project in the public sector for the manufacture of passenger cars of a proven foreign design for an annual capacity of 50,000 Nos. In pursuance of this decision, necessary follow up action is now being taken.

#### EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF EARNEST MONEY AGAINST INDENTS FOR STEEL BILLETS

309. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the Steel Re-rolling Mills Association are exempted to pay deposits against indents for billets whereas the small re-rollers are required to pay heavy deposits for comparatively smaller order of re-rollable scrap; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this discrepancy?