

sion in principle to create additional capacity of 50,000 cars per annum in the public sector based on a proven foreign design.

Letters of intent have also been granted to two parties in the private sector for manufacture of cars, for an annual capacity of 50,000 Nos. and 25,000 Nos. each based on indigenous design and without foreign exchange expenditure on the import of capital goods, components and raw materials except in cases of raw materials normally available in the country which, in the event of temporary short supply, may have to be imported in accordance with the import policy prevailing at that time.

It is hoped that with the establishment of the additional capacity, the supply position of passenger cars in the country would ease over a period of time.

APPLICATIONS FOR SHIFTING OF INDUSTRIAL UNITS OUTSIDE WEST BENGAL

285. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a large number of applications from some industrialists of Calcutta for shifting their units outside West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for shifting their units outside West Bengal; and

(c) the decision, if any, taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) No application has recently been received under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for shifting of existing industries from West Bengal to other States.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise.
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ENQUIRY INTO TOBACCO INDUSTRY

286. SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA :

DR. SALIG RAM :

SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

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

(a) whether Government have received any demand for enquiry into the tobacco industry; 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 have received various communications making certain points and suggestions about the Cigarette Industry, but no demand for an enquiry as such has been addressed. Suggestions made are being looked into.

STRIKE IN BHILAI AND DURGAPUR STEEL PLANTS

287. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that strikes and bundhs considerably affected productions at the public sector steel plants in August, 1970;

(b) what was the loss suffered by the Rourkela Steel Plant due to the Orissa bundh in July, 1970;

(c) the effect of the recent heavy rains which dislocated transport and also the lightning strike by the staff of South Eastern Railway at the marshalling yard on the production in Bhilai Steel Plant; and

(d) what effect the Durgapur bundh on August 4, 1970 and the tool-down strike on August 6, 1970 and the illegal strike in the Durgapur Steel Plant and the Alloy Steel Plant on August 12, 1970, had on the production of Durgapur Steel Plant ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to the Orissa bundh in July, 1970, there was loss of production to the extent of 14,974 tonnes of finished steel and of 1,237 tonnes of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate in the Rourkela Steel Plant

and the Fertilizer Plant at Rourkela. In financial terms, the loss amounted to about Rs. 33.20 million.

(c) The heavy rains and the lighting strike by the staff of South Eastern Railway did not affect production at Bhilai.

(d) The incidents mentioned in this part of the question resulted in loss of production at Durgapur Steel Plant to the extent indicated below :

Items of Production	Strike on 4-8-70 (tonnes)	Tooldown strike on 6-8-70 and 7-8-70 (tonnes)	Illegal strike from 12-8-70 to 22-8-70 (tonnes)
1. Total coke	2,892	..	15,830
2. Amm. Sulphate	37	..	447
3. Hot Metal	3,161	..	30,766
4. Pig Iron	10,207
5. Steel Ingot	2,857	..	23,600
6. Blooming Mill Products	3,119	540	22,850
7. Billet Mill Products	1,342	220	12,674
8. Section Mill Products	684	170	4,966
9. Merchant Mill Products	1,641	340	7,025
10. Sleeper	498	144	2,097
11. Fish Plates	26	11	86
12. Skelp	488	65	3,283
13. Wheel Sets	61 Nos.	20 Nos.	705 (T)
14. Benzene (K/L)	24
15. Sinter	1,194

In financial term, the loss amounted to Rs. 32.37 million.

CONSORTIA OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES

288. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to organise consortia of small scale industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b) : Two consortia consisting of the following units have been set up for manufacture of TV Sets :—

1. M/s. Polestar Electronics (P) Ltd., Bombay (comprising 5 units).

(i) M/s. Bhatti Mercantile Corpn. Bombay.

(ii) M/s. Supreme Electronics, Delhi.

(iii) M/s. Atlas Radio & Electronic Industries, Ahmedabad.

(iv) M/s. Ex-Servicemen Indl. Coopt. Society Ltd., Bombay.

(v) M/s. Eskay Electronics, Delhi.

2. M/s. Telestar Television Industries (P) Ltd., Delhi.

(i) M/s. M. E. Engg. Co. Delhi.

(ii) M/s. General Radio Corpn., Delhi.

(iii) M/s. Gonjap Electronics, Madras.

(iv) M/s. Alpha Radios & Novelties (P) Ltd., Delhi.

(v) M/s. Rawley Industries, Delhi.

These two consortia have already gone into production.