

position to absorb a substantial percentage of the income generated in the rural areas. Such a programme could be taken up only by providing adequate credit support from the banks to a large net-work of retail agencies instead of by a small number of miniature super bazars. The question of appropriate action necessary to meet the dimensions of the problem is separately under consideration of the Government.

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE CYCLE PRICES

808. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

SHRI KANCHI KALYANA-SUNDARAM :

SHRI T. K. SRINIVASAN :

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

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from cycle manufacturers to increase the present prices of cycles; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) The Cycle Manufacturers' Association of India have made a request for an increase in price of Rs. 16.00 per bicycle. They have stated that this increase has been necessitated on account of an increase in the price of raw materials and brought-out components. This request is under examination.

पंजाब के औद्योगिक विकास विभाग को अनुदान

809. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या औद्योगिक विकास, अन्तरिक व्यापार और सभवाय कार्य मंत्री 19 फरवरी, 1970 को "हिन्दुस्तान" में प्रकाशित एक समाचार को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने पंजाब के औद्योगिक विकास विभाग को

पंजाब में सिन्थेटिक शोधक तथा रेडियो बनाने के कारखाने स्थापित करने की अनुमति दे दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन कारखानों की स्थापना के लिये कितनी सहायता दी गयी है; और

(ग) यह कारखाने कब से काम करना शुरू कर देंगे ?

f [GRANTS TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF PUNJAB

809. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to a news item in the 'Hindustan' dated the 19th February, 1970 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have given permission to the Industrial Development Department of Punjab for setting up Synthetic refining and Radio manufacturing factories there;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance given by the Central Government for setting up these factories; and

(c) the time by when these factories will be put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL

औद्योगिक विकास, अन्तरिक व्यापार और सभवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है तथा सभा-घटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.]

हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

810. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या इस्पात तथा भारी इंजीनियरी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

†[] English translation.