

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

t TIGRESS AT LARGE IN DELHI ZOO

672. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tigress had escaped from her cell in Delhi Zoo on Sunday, the 3rd September, 1967 ;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted to find out the circumstances in which the tigress escaped ;

(c) if so, the outcome of the enquiry ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the light of the enquiry to ensure that such incidents do not reoccur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) and (b). Yes, Madam.

(c) A *prima facie* case has been established that the escape occurred due to the negligence of the attendant.

(d) The dangerous wild animals have now been removed from the old to the newly designed cages where there is no provision for any gate in the open enclosure ; and thus there will be no cause for any such incidents to reoccur in future.

t CHIEF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

717. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the major issues discussed and recommendations made at the Conference of Chief Ministers held in New Delhi in September, 1967 ; and

(b) whether Government have considered those recommendations and taken decisions for their implementation or otherwise?

-(■) Transferred from the 1st December, 1967.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [See Appendix LXII, An-nexure No. 73].

fPosi OFFICE SAVINGS BANK SCHEME 823.

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to reorganise the Post Office Savings Bank Scheme in order to it more attractive ; and

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha indicating the main features of the Scheme.

STATEMENT

*Main Features of the Post Office Saving\**

*Bank Reorganisation Scheme* (i) The Savings Bank and Savings Certificate Branch in Head Post Offices will be constituted as a separate unit.

(ii) The Postal Savings Bank will be in charge of Managers who will be vested with appropriate administrative and financial powers to enable them to function, more or less, on lines similar to commercial Banks.

(iii) The Postal Savings Bank will be staffed by specially trained staff in a higher grade. They will not be liable to transfer to other Branches of the Post Office.

(iv) The present duplication of checking work in the Head Post Office and in the S.B. Control Organisation attached to it will be obviated as both the functions will be merged in the new Postal Savings Bank.

(v) Working procedures will be simplified so as to afford maximum facilities

■(•) Transferred from the 6th December, 1967.

to savings Bank depositors and cut down waiting time at counters.

(vi) It is expected that with the employment of specially trained staff who will not be transferred out of the Savings Bank and Savings Certificates Branches, the postal Savings Bank can establish a closer personal relationship with its clientele which is not possible at present.

(vii) The existing system of Sub and Branch Post Offices performing savings bank and Savings Certificates work will continue as at present. It is only at the level of the Head Offices that the new procedure will apply

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CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER  
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

SHORTAGE OF SCOOTER TYRES AND TUBES

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स्कूटरों के टायरों तथा ट्यूबों की भारी कमी की ओर तथा इसके परिणामस्वरूप देश में स्कूटरों, मोटर साइकिलों और तान पहियों वाली गाड़ियों की उत्पादन क्षमता पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव की ओर औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय कार्य-मंत्री का ध्यान आकर्षित करता हूँ।

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): Madam, complaints have been received from certain automobile manufacturers including Messrs. Bajaj Auto Ltd., Poona, manufacturers of Vespa scooters, about shortage of tyres and tubes for scooters etc.

2. The position regarding availability of scooter tyres during the last three years is indicated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Production			Estimated production during Oct.-Dec. 1967
		1965	1966	1967 (Jan.-Sept.) Actual	
1	Dunlop India Limited	112,493	102,880	44,463	
2	Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. Bombay	30,698	20,086	11,145	
3	Ceat Tyres of India Ltd., Bombay	..	18,415	26,759	
4	Madras Rubber Factory Ltd. Madras	2,933	9,477	15,970	
	TOTAL	146,114	150,858	98,397	
					140,397 nos. or say 140,000 nos.

It would be seen from the above Table that relative to the production of 150,858 nos. of scooter tyres in 1966, the production of scooter tyres during 1967 is estimated to be of the order of 140,000 nos. The production has fallen during 1967 because there has been a strike in the works of Messrs. Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. of India Private Ltd., Bombay, who are one of the leading manufacturers of scooter tyres producing, about 20,000 tyres per annum, during March-May 1967 (for about 2J

months) followed by go-slow tactics by their labour force till the end of September 1967. This Company had to discontinue the tyre production again from the first week of October 1967 due to the renewed strike in their factory (which is still continuing). Moreover the Sahagunj factory of Messrs. Dunlop India Ltd., who account for 33 per cent of total production of tyres, closed down their factory for 2 weeks in October 1967 for Puja holidays. It appears that both Messrs. Dunlop India Ltd., and