

SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH : The question is regarding furnishing and refurnishing the rooms of Railway Board Officers and not all these things.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : But he wants you to take note of other things also.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Mr. Kumaran asked a very pertinent question. This question relates to the officers in the Railway Board. They could not get the information up till now. They are not to collect information from all over the country. This is how the Railway Board is functioning. They are manipulating the seniority list and juniority list of Assistants, L.D.Gs, etc. They have got a new telecommunication system. May I know much has been spent on the tele-communication service which has been installed, when economy measures are being taken by the Railway Board ?

SHRI C. M. POONACHA : The question, I believe, requires about 32 annexures to be prepared. It relates to the expenditure incurred on furnishing the rooms of the Chairman, Members, Additional Members, Directors and officials of similar status from 1961 onwards. Now, there are so many furnishing and refurnishing items. We have to compile and collect the information and it does take time. No doubt it relates to the Railway Board, but the question, as tabled, requires a series of information which will have to be compiled. We are now trying to compile and place it on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No more. Next question.

SALE OF NEW SCOOTERS, WITHOUT SPARE TYRES

♦541. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new scooters without spare tyres are sold to the customers by the scooter manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what is the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHANU PRAKASH SINGH) : (a) Due to short supply of tyres, the manufacturers of scooters have, as a temporary measure been marketing their scooters without spare tyres.

(b) Discussions have been held with the tyre manufacturers and steps agreed upon in order to improve tyre supplies to the scooters manufacturers for original equipment. As a result, it is expected that the supply position will improve soon. Further, if the shortage continues, it has been decided to permit imports to the extent of the requirements of scooter manufacturers for one month's production initially so that the production of scooters is not adversely affected.

uR. vMRS.)MANGLADEVI TALWAR: I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is the total production of scooters in the country and the production of scooter tyres. If there is a vast difference in the production of the two, what steps are being taken to increase the production of scooter tyres ? Another question is, what is the total production of scooter tyres with different manufacturers and when the spare tyres are not being provided to the customers, are the manufacturers giving any reduction in the price of scooters and, if so, what is the price reduction ?

SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED :

Only the other day, in reply to a calling attention notice, I gave all these details and I would only refer the hon. Member to them.

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

*542. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : t

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :

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

(a) the rate of industrial growth in the first two quarters of the current year and how it compares with the corresponding figures in the previous two years ;

(b) whether the declining trend in the industrial growth during the year 1966 is still continuing ; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the industrial growth ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHANU PRAKASH SINGH) : (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

t The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri R. P. Khaitan.