

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON) : (a) Presumably the reference is to an incident in the Naushera sector on September 21, 1959. According to the U.N. Chief Military Observer, the rifle of a Pakistan soldier was accidentally discharged whilst in the presence of a U.N. Observer.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN; The Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA BY SECRET AGENTS OPERATING IN NEFA

*9. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports in certain sections of the press that some secret agents in the garb of traders and hawkers or social workers are systematically operating to create anti-Indian and pro-Chinese feelings among the people of the North East Frontier Agency regions; and

(b) if so, what action has been or is proposed to be taken against exploitation of the credulous tribals by these agents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

*10. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up to go into the question of development and progress of the automobile industry has concluded its enquiries and submitted its report;

(b) what is the latest position of the industry as regards acquisition of self-sufficiency in the manufacture of cars; and

(c) whether the scheme to manufacture small and cheap cars in India has taken any definite shape by now?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The Automobile Committee is expected to submit its final report to Government by the end of December, 1959.

(b) The target laid down for the automobile industry is to raise the indigenous content of automobiles to 80% by the end of Second Five Year Plan. The percentages of indigenous content so far achieved in the three cars that are currently being produced in the country are as follows:—

Hindustan Ambassador	..	73.4%
Fiat '1100'	..	56.6%
Standard '10'	..	49.4%

Quantitatively, the target for the production of cars by 1960-61 is 20,000 Nos. per annum. Actual production in recent years has been as follows:—

Year	Production
1956	13,666
1957	12,211
1958	8,112
1959 (Estimated)	12,000 to 14,000

The decline in production in 1958 was primarily due to the shortage of foreign exchange on account of which import of car components was allowed on a restricted scale and partly, due to a strike in one of the factories for about 4 months.

(c) The question of manufacture of cheap cars in the country is also covered by the terms of reference of the Automobile Committee and a decision will be taken only after the report of the Committee is received.

INDO-BRITISH AGREEMENT REGARDING COTTON CLOTH EXPORTS TO BRITAIN

*11. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: