

(a) and (b). There are 7 Indian firms, who are now manufacturing diesel engines and 6 schemes have been approved by the Government. Particulars of the firms are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 30.]

(c) and (d). In the absence of the name of the particular company, to which the hon. Member is referring, it is not possible to furnish the information asked for.

(e) 1949-50 ... Rs. 864 lakhs.

1950-51 ... Rs. 683 „

1951-52-- Rs. 1473 „

(f) Rs. so lakhs on the basis of local production during 1952.

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DR. R. B. GOUR : Sir, in reply to parts (e) and (d) of the question, the hon. Minister has stated "In the absence of the name of the particular company, to which the hon. Member is referring, it is not possible to furnish the information asked for." But I have asked him for the information ; about the contracts with the foreign firm. So he has to give me the name of the firm or concern. I have asked, "Whether it is a fact that an Indian company proposes to start the manufacture of diesel engines in India"; and it is this very concern about which I want information, whether it has got any foreign aid and if so, to what extent.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Then we have misunderstood the question, in view of the word "it" coming in there. So I would require notice now.

DR. R. B. GOUR : I had already given notice, Sir, and now I have no time to give a notice.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We I interpreted part (c) as referring to some particular firm, in view of the word "it" occurring there, and so I gave the answer I have given. But I am prepared to give the information to the hon. Member on notice

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that diesel engines passed on in the name of Kirloskar, are actually produced by Peter of U. K. in England ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : No, Sir, that is not a fact.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it a fact that only water pumps are produced in India by Messrs. Kirloskar, and that engines are not produced here, but are only assembled ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : No, Sir. My hon. friend should replenish his information. Pumps are made at Kirloskarwadi and diesel engines at Poona. I wish he knows more about it.

DR. R. B. GOUR : The hon. Minister has given a statement here and there to the effect that such and such concern has not made progress—"No progress so far; it is doubtful if they are serious. No progress so far according to information available. Buildings completed. Some machine tools imported. Reported to be facing financial trouble and it is doubtful if they can vigorously pursue their manufacturing programme," and so on. But does the Government propose to interfere and try to know as to what has happened to these schemes which they have approved ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : It is not a question of interfering with anything. We always.....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Assist and advise ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We are always getting information and the hon. Member can be sure that we, in special cases, go carefully into the work of the concern.

DR. R. B. GOUR : I want to know why these concerns are not progressing ? What is the reason behind it?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We