

sector. Further, initiatives have been taken in various other areas in order to strengthen the sector in the country; such as setting up of Auto Sector Skill Development Council (ASDC), support to R&D projects through automotive cess funding, starting a Rs. 2288 crore project, namely National Automotive R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRiP) for setting up of world class infrastructure for homologation and testing, setting up of the National Automotive Board (NAB) as a repository of auto R&D expertise and an apex coordinating body to address the need of collaborative R&D and for synergizing the activities of NATRiP centres; ensuring future fuel security along with mitigation of fuel-emission impact on environment through the newly approved National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020. The Department reviews the implementation of all the above initiatives regularly and gives suggestions on policy formulation and implementation to the concerned stakeholders, including Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission for adequate allocation of funds in the budget each year.

Revival of Praga Tools Ltd.

1672. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has undertaken revival/restructure of Praga Tools Ltd., Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds released during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) by when the revival process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Government of India had sanctioned a Revival package of Rs. 232.37 crore in 2005 to erstwhile Praga Tools Ltd. and directed to merge the company with Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. Accordingly, erstwhile Praga Tools Ltd. has been merged with HMT Machine Tools Ltd. w.e.f. 01.04.2007. The details of the revival package are as follows:

- i) Cash assistance of Rs. 5 crore
- ii) Non-cash assistance of Rs. 209.71 crore
- iii) Approval of sale of NPA by PTL of Rs. 17.66 crore

- (c) No funds have been released during the last three years.
- (d) The question does not arise in view of the reply to parts (a) and (b).

Inquiry into incident of fire at IOC depot at Hazira

1673. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted an inquiry into the recent fire which took place in oil storage tank of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) at Hazira;
- (b) whether Government is going to take action against irresponsible officials of IOC for negligence of their duty;
- (c) by when IOC is going to pay charges for water, fire extinguishers and fire equipments used to control this fire by State Government machineries and neighbouring corporates in Hazira; and
- (d) whether the Ministry is going to issue directives to other petroleum companies which are having storage tanks at Hazira to avoid such fire incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes. An Inter-Disciplinary Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government under the convenership of Executive Director, Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) has conducted an inquiry into the fire incident that took place at Hazira Terminal of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) on 05.01.2013.

(b) IOCL has placed three officials under suspension. Further IOCL has also been directed to initiate necessary Departmental action against the officials/staff responsible for the lapses that led to the fire accident and rotate them out of their present assignment immediately.

(c) IOCL has reported that they have received the claims from various agencies for assistance rendered in fire fighting. Settlement of claims depends upon their scrutiny by the Company.

(d) Government has issued directive to all Oil Companies to review the safety and security at all oil installations/terminals and take urgent corrective steps to enhance overall safety and security systems at all oil installations.