

**Slowdown in auto sector**

2292. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government believes that there is a slowdown in the auto sector;
- (b) whether Government is aware that there are reports that the commercial vehicle (CV) segment is expected to report a decline of around 20 per cent in sales volumes in October, 2019;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the impact of the slowdown on this sector in the larger interests of Indian economy and job creation?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (d) There are cyclical slowdowns in many economies including all segments of Auto Sector. However, the festival demand has shown year on year growth @ 0.3 % in the passenger vehicle segment during October, 2019. Retrenchment of temporary workforce has been reported by the industry, however, no confirmed data on job loss is available with the Government.

**Handing over of HMT land to Kerala Government**

2293. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the transfer of land owned by Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT), Kalamassery to Kerala Government is under consideration; and
- (b) if so, the status of the transfer?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) Sir, HMT handed over 300 acres of land to Government of Kerala during the year 2000. The Kerala Government again requested to surrender 250 acres of land. In this regard, Special Leave Petition has been filed by the company in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and is *sub judice*.