

on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The criteria of 4 beds per 1000 insured persons subject to a minimum of 50 beds is generally adopted.

(b) The Corporation has agreed, in principle, to construct two hospitals during the current year.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Increase in Tyre Prices

2066. SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the matter relating to the increase in the prices of tyres to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government so far on the report submitted by this Bureau for the year 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). At the request of the Government, BICP had carried out a study on Tyre Industry. Its report was submitted in two phases, Phase-I in May, 1985 and phase-II in June, 1987. The Government on the recommendation of BICP, have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres.

Diploma to Trained Apprentices

2067. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pay scales fixed for trained apprentices in various trades in Government jobs;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration provide four-year training in tool and die-making trade at Wazirpur Industrial Area and after completing the training, a diploma is given whereas those who are getting the said training in firms are given certificate;

(c) whether the said diploma and certificate are given after examination conducted by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The apprentices are paid a stipend while in training. After their training they get absorbed in the various undertakings in the public or private sector as per market demand. The details of the pay scales against which these apprentices get jobs are not available with the Ministry of Labour.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)(i) The Tool Room & Training Centre, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi has been conducting four-years diploma in Tool & Die Making and the examination is conducted by Board of Technical Education Delhi Administration, Delhi.

(ii) A 4 years Apprenticeship training programme is conducted under the Apprentices Act, 1961 in the trade of Tool & Die Making and the trade tests