

(d) what specific steps Government propose to take to provide employment to the labourers and other staff of Maruti Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-MATI ABHA MAITI): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Government are considering what is to be done with the assets and facilities of M/s. Maruti Limited.

Production of Cotton Yarn Tubes

5015. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the big mills in the country have started producing cotton yarn tubes;

(b) whether it is a fact that previously mills used to sell yarn to small scale entrepreneurs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that by producing tubes they are saving excise duty while they used to pay on yarn; and

(d) if so, what action Government contemplate to save the small industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-MATI ABHA MAITI): (a) and (b): Only some mills have undertaken winding of sewing thread on tubes for sale in the market. Many mills continue to sell the yarn to small scale entrepreneurs who perform this function.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

31A National Highway

5018. SHRI C. B. CHHETRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 31A National Highway is not according to the National Highway standard;

(b) whether the broadening of this Highway is under the consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) to (d). The National Highway 31A has not yet been developed to National Highway specifications. The present efforts are directed towards stabilising the existing road rather than widening it. This highway passes through geologically unstable terrain which is further subject to erosion by floods in the River Teesta. It is apprehended that any widening of the road at this stage of instability would further aggravate the problem.

Moreover, this highway, with a formation width of 6.09 metres, is capable of meeting the present traffic requirements commensurate with safety.

Report on Block level Planning

5017. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted or rejected, fully, or partially the recommendations of the Dantwala Committee on Block-level Planning; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). Recommendations of the Committee are under examination.

नगरों में सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में वृद्धि

5018. चौधरी राम गोपाल सिंह : क्या चौधहन जीर परिवहन मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बड़े नगरों में सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में हुई लगातार वृद्धि के कारण उत्पन्न स्थिति पर विचार किया है;