

Car Repairing shops in Municipal Market, Connaught Circus, New Delhi

5977. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware the activities of various car repairing shops in Municipal Market, Connaught Circus, New Delhi are mainly done on road thereby obstructing free flow of traffic;

(b) whether a number of accidents also occurred due to that; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to ensure free flow of traffic there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last 3 years viz., 1978 to 1980, only one minor accident is reported to have occurred on this stretch of road.

(c) Apart from spot challans, the Traffic Police is lifting vehicles by crane. In this area, 13 vehicles were lifted in January, 1981 and 7 vehicles were lifted in February 1981.

Visit of U.K. Delegation to India

5978. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a U.K. Delegation visited India recently sponsored by Electronic Component Industry and had discussions; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was a return visit of an exploratory nature in order to define possibilities with regard to increasing trade and industrial cooperation. At this stage, it would be premature to predict the quantitative outcome. However, a favourable climate of interaction between the two countries has resulted due to the visit.

Manufacture of Agarbatties

5979. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agarbatti manufacturing is principally a cottage industry and whether it employs about four lakh employees;

(b) whether Government are taking any measures to make available raw materials directly to the industry in order to encourage this small scale industry;

(c) whether it is a fact that these raw materials are exported, thereby creating shortage of these articles for the industry;

(d) whether it is true that raw Agarbatti is also being exported and re-imported in India after blending it in foreign countries;

(e) whether Government have received the report of the Study Committee formed to suggest improvements in the manufacture of Agarbatti; and

(f) if so, what are the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Karnataka (where this industry is mainly concentrated), have made arrangements for making available main raw materials to the industry.

(c) Government has received complaints to this effect.