

(b) No date for the telecast has been fixed. The producer has been requested to produce further episodes at the earliest which will be scheduled for telecast as soon as available.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

New Policy Initiative for Polyester Industry

*194. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the polyester industry has become sick for the last one year and thereby some of the units have been closed in the country; and

(b) whether Government are proposing new policy initiative to help the polyester industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Polyester Staple Fibre (PSF) units have been facing marketing constraints due to variety of reasons at present.

(b) In order to overcome the present situation, the excise duty on PSF has been reduced by Rs. 10/- per kg. and an export ceiling of 60,000 tonnes has been fixed for the current financial year with a Cash Compensatory Support of 5% on exports etc.

Fuel Efficiency Level of Motor Engines

*196. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:
SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated action to raise fuel efficiency level of the motor engines manufactured in India;

(b) if so, the details of the plans drawn up in this regard;

(c) whether after implementation of the schemes in hand, fuel efficiency will reach the world class level; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In order to further upgrade the fuel efficiency standards and set long term norms to be achieved by the vehicle manufacturers, Govt. had appointed a Committee to examine the matter and give its recommendations. The Committee has submitted its report suggesting norms for the continuous upgradation of the fuel efficiency standards. The new norms would constitute a significant improvement over the current standards.

The vehicles are designed to suit the specific operative conditions prevailing in our country and the fuel efficiency parameters of vehicles abroad cannot be straight-away adopted by us.

Manufacturers of Polyester Staple Fibre

*197. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the manufacturers of polyester staple fibre allowed under licence;

(b) whether a number of these manufacturers have been working below their licensed capacity; and