

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of low watt electric lamps in the country ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) No complaint of acute shortage of low watt electric lamps in the country have been received.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Increase in Price of Cement

\*1554. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the price of cement by Rs. 2.50 per tonne with immediate effect ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) The F.O.R. price of cement was increased by Rs. 2.50 per tonne with effect from 7th July, 1971.

(b) The increase became necessary pursuant to the revised freight rates announced by Government in the Railway Budget for 1971-72.

#### Setting up of a Factory in Public Sector to Manufacture Scooters

\*1555. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH :  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether three leading scooter manufacturing firms—Piaggio of Italy, NSU of Yugoslavia and Honda of Japan have offered to collaborate with the Government of India in setting up a factory in public sector for manufacturing of scooters ;

(b) if so, the expected foreign exchange requirement ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (c). Offers of collaboration have been received from M/s. Piaggio of Italy and Honda of Japan. No concrete offer of collaboration has been received from NSU of Yugoslavia. As the offer of Honda of Japan was for the manufacture of a motor cycle and not for a scooter, it could not be accepted. The offer of M/s. Piaggio is under examination.

(c) The foreign exchange requirements of the project have not yet been worked out.

#### Electrification by D.D.A. in Delhi

\*1556. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority proposes to undertake the responsibility of electrifying its colonies in Delhi ;

(b) whether any request to this effect has been made to the Central Government ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) No, Sir. The work of electrification of Delhi Development Authority colonies will continue to be executed through the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking as at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Rise in the Water Level of Jamuna River Near Delhi

\*1557. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether rise in the water level of Jamuna River had posed a threat to the villages of Delhi in the month of July, 1971 ; and