WRITTEN ANSWERS

Sale of Forged Railway Tickets

*637. Shrì Vishwa Nath Pandey: Shrì Yashpal Singh; Shrì Bagri:

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No. 27 on the 5th September, 1966 regarding the sale of forged railway tickets and state:

- (a) whether the investigations have since been completed;
- (b) if so, the main features of the investigations; and
- (c) if not, when the investigation is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The case is under investigation by the police and it will take some time.

Delicensing of Textile Industry

*638. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Liladhar Kotoki:
Shri N. R. Laskar:

Shri R. Barua:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 132 on the 29th July, 1966 and state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to delicense the textile industry in the country; and
- (b) if so, the broad features of Government's policy in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). The proposal to de-license textile industry is still under the consideration of Government.

ट्रैक्टर निर्माण कारवाना

*639. श्री हुकस चन्द कछवाय: श्री बड़े: श्री मुरेन्द्रपाल निह: श्री वरज पाण्डेय:

क्या उद्योग मंत्री 5 श्रगस्त, 1966 के श्रतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1453 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृषा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या चैकोस्लोवाकिया के सहयोग से ट्रैक्टर बनाने का कारखाना स्थापित करने की योजना सम्बन्धी रिपोर्ट इस बीच सरकार को प्राप्त हो गई है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं; स्रौर
- (ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस रिपोर्ट के कब प्राप्त हो जाने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (ओ दा० संजीवंधा)ः (क) जी, नहीं।

- (ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।
- (ग) जैसा कि 5 घगस्त, 1966 को दिये गये प्रतारांकित प्रथन संख्या 1453 के उत्तर में बताया जा चुका है, विस्तृत परि-योजना रिपोर्ट के इस वर्ष के ग्रन्त तक मिल जाने की ग्राशा है।

Prices of Essential Commodities

*640. Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Shri P. C. Borooah: Dr. M. M. Das:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made by the Cabinet Committee on prices for the

production and distribution of a number of essential commodities to check excess profits:

- (b) how far the prices of grain, fertilizers, kerosene, diesel oil and other petroleum products have been pegged down, according to the decision which was made along with the decision to devalue the rupee; and
- (c) the arrangements that have been made for larger imports of copra, palm, sun-flower and soyabean oil to make up the shortage of cooking mediums?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House, [Placed in Library See No. LT-7498/66].

Cash Assistance Scheme for Exports

- *641. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to
- (a) whether Government have refused to extend the cash assistance scheme for the export of goods other than those that have already been notified by Government; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for not extending this facility for other goods in view of the serious trade difficulties created by devaluation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Announcement has already been made in regard to the items on which cash assistance is permissible.

Agricultural Exportable Commodities *642. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he informed the Export-Import Advisory Committee meeting held at Delhi on the 17th September, 1968 that Government propose to reduce the export duties on various agricultural exportable commodities;

- (b) if so, whether any other advice was given to them; and
- (c) to what extent that would help Indian agriculturists and exports?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No. Sir.

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

Cost of Production of Diesel Locomotives at Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi

*643. Shri P. C. Borooah; Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad; Shri S. C. Samanta; Shri Subodh Hansda; Shri M. L. Dwivedi; Shri Maheswar Naik;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of diesel locomotives at the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi has gone up by more than 25 per cent as a result of devaluation:
- (b) if so, whether this rise in cost has caused a drastic cut in diesel locomotives output and, if so, to what extent; and
- (c) how the production after devaluation compares with that during the corresponding period last year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subbag Singh): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) In the 5 months since devaluation viz. June to October, the production was 17 locos as compared to 19 in the corresponding five months of last year. The lower out-turn this year was due to the shortage of axles and not devaluation. But for this, the out-turn during the former period would have been 25 locomotives.

Transportation of Foodgrains in Open Wagons

•644. Shri Subodh Hansda: Shri S. C. Samanta: Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: