

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: On what material is the observation of the hon. Minister based when he says that Rajasthan has been found unsuitable, in view of the particular fact which I have related, which happened very recently, about two months ago?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: A single swallow does not make a summer. One tube-well may have produced water. But there are several others where there is very little water.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The Minister has stated in reply to a supplementary that his information is that water rates have been reduced from Rs. 20 to Rs 5. May I know whether that related only to some summer season and that was not taken advantage of, because in the summer season it is not the practice in the tube-well area to sow maize etc? Is it because of that that nobody took any advantage of the facilities that were given, and now those facilities have been withdrawn?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): They are already taking steps to reduce water rates.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: That has been done, but it is not advantageous.

Deadlock in Transport Administration in Kerala

***413. Dr. K. B. Menon:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Kerala Legislature the issue of a notification under the Motor Vehicles Act by the Union Government was referred to as the reason for the deadlock in the administration of Transport system in the districts of Palghat, Kozhikode and Cannanore in Kerala State; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to correct the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement explaining the position is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No. 11]

Central Tractor Organisation

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 Shri Bhakt Darshan:
 Shri Punnoose:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
 Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri Sadhan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to close down the Central Tractor Organisation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for closure of this organisation; and

(c) the number of workers who will be affected by this closure?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P.S. Deshmukh): (a) No.

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

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सत्य है कि पिछले दिनों सेंट्रल ट्रैक्टर ऑर्गेनाइजेशन से बहुत से कर्मचारियों को नौकरी से अलग कर दिया गया है या उन पर नोटिस सर्वे किये गये हैं ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : जी नहीं, अब तक किसी को भी अलग नहीं किया गया है ।

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know how many tractors were used by this organisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: In the beginning we had 270 tractors; they were then reduced to 240 out of which 34 tractors were intended to be scrapped.

Shri Ranga: Is it not a fact that some months ago, the Government of India almost decided or had decided to reconstitute this in such a way that