

(b) whether any foreign country has offered collaboration for this project?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Maunbhai Shah): (a) and (b). One firm has already been licensed under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, for the manufacture of agricultural tractors; a few more applications for their manufacture in collaboration with foreign firms are under the consideration of the Government.

Indian Experts for Ceylon

*166. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have agreed to send two teams of experts to Ceylon, to prepare a development programme and to organise the public services there;

(b) if so, composition of these teams;

(c) whether these teams have already left for Ceylon; and

(d) how long these two teams will take there to do the work entrusted to them?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) No, Sir.

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

Roads in Nepal

*167. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Bhakt Darshan.
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Jaganatha Rao:
Shri L. Achaw Singh:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 129 on the 14th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the tripartite agreement for the construction of new roads in Nepal has been signed between India, Nepal and U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving detailed information is being placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 77].

Border Incidents

*168. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 823 on the 5th December, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any reply has been received from the Pakistan Government with regard to the protest lodged with them against the intrusion of armed men into the border village of Jalalpur in Agartala in October, 1957; and

(b) if so, nature thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) An interim reply acknowledging the receipt of the protest was received on 29th November, 1957.

(b) Does not arise.

Integrated Heavy Machine Building Plant in Bihar

*169. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the Integrated Heavy Machine Building Plant in Bihar is expected to be installed; and

(b) what will be the cost of this plant and the Soviet share of investment?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Work relating to the preparation of a detailed project report has been taken up; details about the installation of the plant will be considered after the report is received from M/s. Technoexport of the U.S.S.R. in the middle of 1958.