

is the Government doing for speeding up the progress of this project?

Shri Hathi: The development in each State is being done by the State officers themselves. So there will not be a question of conflict so far as the development of a particular area in a particular State is concerned; it is not a joint concern so far as the lands in their own States are concerned.

PASSPORTS FOR PAKISTAN

***1034. Shri Chaudhri Muhammed Shafee:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who were refused passports for Pakistan since the introduction of the passport system between India and Pakistan;

(b) the number of Pakistani Nationals who were refused Visas for entry into India during this period; and

(c) the number of Indian nationals who were refused Visas for entry into Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). It is difficult without the expenditure of great deal of time and labour to collect this information. Apart from this, it is not considered in the public interest to give such information.

(c) This information will be available only with the Government of Pakistan.

TRACTORS AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

***1035. Shri Sarangadhar Das:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to develop the production of tractors and agricultural implements in the country; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). There are at present two firms assembling tractors in India

from parts imported in a completely knocked down condition. It is understood that they will shortly be submitting their detailed manufacturing programmes to Government. In addition, several proposals were placed before Government from time to time for the manufacture of tractors and tractor drawn implements but none of them has, however, taken any practical shape. As regards agricultural implements, other than tractor drawn, there are already more than 60 organised factories in the field.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if the implements that are being manufactured in India cost more than those imported from abroad?

Shri Kanungo: You mean tractor-drawn implements?

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Other than tractor-drawn ones.

Shri Kanungo: There is no import of implements other than tractor-drawn ones.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know then what is the estimate for assembling the tractors if the price of the finished tractors, and the tractor-drawn implements will be lower than those imported from abroad?

Shri Kanungo: I have not got the information, but I can supply it on notice.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether the non-tractor drawn agricultural implements are lower in price than those which are now being used by the agriculturists in the country?

Shri Kanungo: Obviously. Otherwise they would not be sold.

HIGH TENSION INSULATORS

***1037. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Expert whose services were obtained under the U.N. Technical Assistance Programme to assess the country's