

Manufacture of agricultural implements.

1883. { **Dr. L. M. Singhvi;**
 { **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manufacturing concerns licensed to produce tractors and other agricultural implements in the country, Indian and foreign, separately;

(b) the number of concerns in the public sector; and

(c) the total production of agricultural implements during the last three years?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) Six firms are, so far, licensed for the manufacture of agricultural tractors including power tillers and five firms are licensed for the manufacture of agricultural implements. All these firms are Indian.

(b) None so far.

(c) The figures of production of tractor drawn agricultural implements are given below:—

1960	1961	1962	1963 (upto July)
Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
247	1,140	4,295	1,860

Industrial Units in Assam

1884. { **Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;**
 { **Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 164 on the 25th February, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal for establish-

ing some industrial units in Assam to meet defence requirements; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

The Minister of Supply (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). No proposal has been received for establishing industrial units in Assam to meet Defence requirements.

Whisky

1885. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts are being invited from Scotland for distilling whisky in some of the Government-owned distilleries; and

(b) the quantity of Scotch Whisky imported every year since last three years and how much foreign exchange was involved?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Government are not aware of any such invitation

(b) No separate import statistics are maintained for scotch whisky. Import of whisky during the years 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63 and 1963-64 (upto May 1963) was as follows:—

Year	Quantity of whisky p orted.	Value.
	Litres.	Rs. .
1960-61	4,74,000	37,40,000
1961-62	3,44,000	26,24,000
1962-63	2,54,000	19,13,000
1963-64 (Upto May 1963)	32,000	2,42,000

Departments of Supply and Technical Development

1886. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state the number of officers in the Departments of Supply and Technical