

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, November 26, 1963/Agrahayana 5, 1885 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Soviet Small Tractors

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- *181. { Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

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

(a) whether the use of Soviet small tractors is continuously rising; and

(b) whether in view of the growing demand attempts are being made to get more of them for Indian farmers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Licenses have been sanctioned during 1963 for import of 1500 small tractors in the range of 12-18 Horse Power as against 500 licensed during 1962.

Shri D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the 500 tractors which were licensed had come to the country and how they have been distributed?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Yes, Sir; they are in the market. The tractors that were imported in 1962 are there in the market.

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Shri D. N. Tiwary: May I know, in view of the fact that all the States have imposed ceiling on lands, whether Government thinks it is within the means of the agriculturists who will own 30 acres of land and no more to ply these tractors?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: It is not possible for an agriculturist of that means to purchase a tractor.

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : इस तरह के छोटे ट्रैक्टरों की मांग पूरी करने के लिए क्या हिन्दुस्तान में भी कोई ऐसा कारखाना है जहाँ पर कि इस तरह के छोटे ट्रैक्टरों बनाये जा सकें ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : इस तरह के ट्रैक्टरों हिन्दुस्तान में बनाने की बात है । इस साल देश में कुल मिलाकर करीब करीब २२०० बड़े ट्रैक्टरों बनेंगे ।

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : अभी माननीय मंत्री ने बतलाया कि छोटे किसानों को इन ट्रैक्टरों के खरीदने में कठिनाई का सामना करना होता है तो छोटे छोटे किसान भी ऐसे ट्रैक्टरों का उपयोग करके अपनी पैदावार बढ़ा सकें इस के लिए सरकार क्या कोई व्यवस्था कर सकती है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : प्रश्न था कि सीलिंग के चलते किसानों की जमीन कम हो जायेगी तो उस के लिए तो यह है कि को-ऑपरेटिक्स अगर वे बनायें तभी कुछ सम्भव हो सकता है ।

Shri Kapur Singh: May I know whether, in view of the answer which the hon. Minister has just now given, Government are prepared to consi-

der the proposal of subsidising the sales to bring this category of tractors within the reach of peasant proprietors without forcing them into cooperatives?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We are already seized of that type of idea and we propose to subsidise to the extent of 25 per cent.

Shri Warrior: May I know at what price they are getting tractors from the Soviet Union and at what price they are produced here?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The prices are a little higher. The entire import is going to be made through the State Trading Corporation. The price there comes to about Rs. 6000. I require notice to give the exact price.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: What is the view of the Government about establishing tractor organisations at the State level and district level to enable the poor farmers to get the services of tractors on hire?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: So far there is no concrete proposal in regard to establishing tractor centres everywhere. But some State Governments, particularly, Madhya Pradesh, want to have some tractors at every district headquarters. If there is going to be any demand, we shall do our best to supply them.

Shri Iqbal Singh: May I know whether Government have received proposals for the manufacture of small tractors from Punjab Government and if so, what is the progress made?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Yes, Sir; we have received a representation and the Punjab Chief Minister also made out a case for it. We propose, to have a licence issued to the State of Punjab.

Shri P. R. Patel: May I know whether the production is more by tractor ploughing or by the im-

proved plough that is used in the country?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually this controversy is there in our country. But the tractor has not been tried in our country on any large scale. So, the two cannot be compared.

‘वनस्पति’ में रंग मिलाया जाना।

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	श्री बड़े :
	श्री बूटा सिंह :
	श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
	श्री प्रा० रं० चक्रवर्ती :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि ‘सरकारी अनुसंधान संस्थान’, करनाल ने ‘वनस्पति’ में रंग मिलाने का तरीका ढूँढ निकाला है?

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार का विचार ‘वनस्पति’ के निर्माताओं को उसमें रंग मिलाने के आदेश देने का है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्री शिन्दे) (क) राष्ट्रीय डेरी अनुसंधान संस्थान, करनाल ने वनस्पति में अन्य रंगों के साथ साथ रत्नजोत को एक रंग के रूप में प्रयोग करने की सम्भावना का सुझाव दिया है। विशेषज्ञ ममिति इस सुझाव की जांच कर रही है।

(ख) और (ग) : प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

[(a) The possibility of using Ratanjot as a colourising agent for Vanaspati has been suggested, *inter alia*, by the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal. The suggestion is under examination by the Committee of Experts.

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