

gramme could be drawn up as the traffic target was not final. The number of wagons ordered in 1965-66 and 1966-67 are as under:—

1965-66	24,782	four-wheelers
1966-67	6,258*	four-wheelers

(b) The wagon procurement programme of the railways is dependent on the anticipated development of traffic. For 1967-68, 26,000 four wheelers have been ordered (21,000 from private wagon builders and 5,000 from Railway workshops). For the remaining three years of the Plan, the wagon requirements of the Railways are being worked out in consultation with the concerned Ministries and the Planning Commission.

(c) The overall position of supply of wagons for transport of salt is satisfactory. The loading of salt in the first six months of this year has been 40.9 per cent more (in terms of 4-wheeler wagons) on the broad gauge and 3.6 per cent more on the metre gauge, than in the corresponding period of last year. Only on the metre gauge areas of the Southern and Western Railways the loading or Zonal salt dropped by 0.1 per cent due to the need for overriding priority being given to the movement of rice in the Southern Region and to that of imported foodgrains in the Western Region.

Reports of shortage of wagons for the movement of finished products from steel plants are not correct. On the other hand, a substantial number of bogie rail trucks procured for movement of this traffic have been idling.

(d) On present traffic requirements there is no occasion to place orders on ad hoc basis on the wagon builders, over and above those already given for 1967-68.

#### Divisional Accounts Officer Sholapur Division

7132. Shri George Fernandes:  
Shri Rabi Ray:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Divisional Accounts Officer in the Sholapur Division of the South Central Railway was in the grade of Rs. 250—800 on the 1st April, 1960, and the then incumbent to the post was drawing Rs. 575 per month;

(b) whether the grade has since been revised to Rs. 600—1500 and the present incumbent to the post is drawing Rs. 1500 per month;

(c) the reasons for the upgrading of this post; and

(d) the pay-scales of Divisional Accounts Officers in the other Divisions on this Railway?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

#### A.P.Os in Sholapur Division

7133. Shri George Fernandes:  
Shri J. H. Patel:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assistant Personnel Officers employed in the Sholapur Division of the South Central Railway;

(b) what are their pay scales;

(c) whether the Ministry have received representation that there is no work for two Assistant Personnel Officers in this Division; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

\*Represents only the new orders placed during the year and does not include the backlog from previous years; together with the backlog the new orders ensured an offtake of 21,000 four-wheelers in the year from private builders.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha):** (a) Two.

(b) Rs. 350—25—500—30—590—EB—30—800—EB—830—35—900.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

**Manufacture of Tractors**

**7134. Shri D. N. Deb:**

**Shri R. R. Singh Deo:**

Will the Minister of **Industrial Development and Company Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tractor factories are not working to their full capacity at present;

(b) whether Government have looked into the causes of this idle capacity; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to encourage the manufacturers of tractors?

**The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed):** (a) to (c). The five units manufacturing agricultural tractors in the country are licensed for a total capacity of 30,000 numbers per annum. This is the ultimate total capacity which the firms would attain after all the necessary capital goods and machinery to achieve this capacity have been procured and installed. While the bulk of the capital goods requirement of the units for achieving their respective licensed capacities have already been cleared and, in some cases, licences have also been issued, some more proposals for import of additional capital goods and balancing requirements to reach their full licensed capacities are yet to be received/processed. At present, the units are in the process of building or their manufacturing capacities with the addition and installation of new capital goods and machinery as and when they arrive. There is, therefore, no idle capacity as such in these units at present, regard being had to the stage

of procurement and installation of capital goods needed to achieve their full licensed capacities. The agricultural tractor industry has also been included in the list of 59 priority industries and since the second half of 1966-67, the industry is being assisted with foreign exchange for import of the necessary components and raw materials to the full extent of their installed capacities. It is hoped that with the assistance provided to the included in the list of 59 priority industry, the production of tractors ed capacities over the next two to three years.

There has been a temporary set-back in the production of agricultural tractors in recent months on account of the short supply of tyres and, in the case of one unit, short supply of engines by the engine manufacturers. Steps are being taken to ensure supply of tyres and engines to the tractor manufacturers in adequate number to enable them to produce tractors to the full extent of their installed capacities.

**महाराष्ट्र में सीमेंट बनाने का कारखाना**

**7135. श्री देवराव पाटिल :** क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा सन्वाय कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र के यवतमाल जिले में सीमेंट बनाने का एक कारखाना स्थापित करने के लिये महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने भारतीय सीमेंट निगम के माध्यम से एक प्रस्ताव भेजा है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो यह सीमेंट कारखाना कब तक स्थापित हो जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) क्या यह कारखाना सरकारी क्षेत्र में होगा अथवा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में ?

**औद्योगिक विकास तथा सन्वाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्णचंद्र प्रसाद अहमद) :** (क)