

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 सवकाय 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 सवकाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्णचंद्र प्रसाद अहमद) : (क)