

EMPLOYMENT IN WEST BENGAL

4909. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who got their names registered in Employment Exchanges in West Bengal since 1966;

(b) the number of persons who were provided employment in West Bengal through Employment Exchanges since 1966; and

(c) the total number of Employment Exchanges with their locations in West Bengal and the number Government propose to open?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI): (a) and (b). A statement (Appendix I) is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2080/67]

(c) Employment Exchanges	25
Colliery Employment Exchanges	2
Spl. Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped	1
Universal Employment Information & Guidance Bureaux	3

Total: 31

A list of towns in which the Employment Exchanges are given in Appendix II is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2080/67]. At present there are proposals to open Employment Exchanges in 1968-69.

DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED TRACTORS

4910. SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which quota for import of tractors is fixed for various regions of the country; L102LSS/67-5

(b) the number of farmers in the various regions who have registered themselves for tractors and are still on the waiting list for their turn in the supply of tractors;

(c) the number of those whose demand has not been met for the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken for meeting the demand of tractors in full in Punjab because of its special agricultural status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Quotas of imported Russian tractors for the various regions of the country are fixed on an *ad hoc* basis, taking due account of the trend of mechanisation in each region and the need to promote this trend in regions where the progress is inadequate. The same policy is also followed in respect of imported CZECH tractors which have to be distributed by Agro-Industries Corporation. In such cases, however, the preparedness of the Corporation is also taken into account.

(b) and (c). The supply of tractors is both through indigenous manufacture and imports. Although the information about the number of persons in the waiting list for imported tractors is not available, it can be stated that there is a large unsatisfied demand for tractors, particularly for the low h.p. tractors imported from the U.S.S.R.

(d) The agents for Punjab and other States in the Northern region where the demand for tractors is heavy, have been allotted a large quota of imported Russian tractors. Besides, out of 1000 built-up Zetor-2011 tractors being imported from Czechoslovakia, 300 have been allotted to Punjab. The farmers of Punjab can also, like farmers in other parts of the country purchase indigenously manufactured tractors.