

**Trucks and Sewage Machinery purchased by MCD**

5690. SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi recently purchased trucks and sewage machinery worth around Rs. 2 crores at the *flag end* of the year to utilise its budget provisions;

(b) if so, whether any tenders were invited;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the firm/firms from which these purchases were made?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) MCD has placed orders for supply of 20 Tipper Trucks and 27 Sewer Cleaning Machines (bucket type) at a cost of Rs. 130.79 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The equipments are being procured on DGS&D Rate Contract Prices.

(d) Tipper Trucks are being procured from M/s Tata Engineering and Locomotive Co. and Sewer Cleaning Machines (bucket type) from M/s Mechanical Movements Pvt. Ltd.

**Production capacity of PPL**

5691. SHRI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rated capacity of Paradeep Phosphate Ltd. (PPL) in Orissa;

(b) the target fixed for production during 1989-90;

(c) whether the plant has achieved its production target during the last financial year; and

(d) if so, the details of the production achieved by PPL in that year?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The annual installed capacity of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) is 7,20,000 tonnes of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP).

(b) to (d). Against the target of 6,30,000 MT of DAP, actual production during 1989-90 was 2,47,000 tonnes.

[*Translation*]

**Breeding of Sheep to Produce Merino Type Wool**

5692. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

DR. BANGALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Desh main merino oon ke liye bheron ki nai nasal' appearing in daily 'Jagran' dated 10 March, 1990;

(b) if so, whether any new variety of sheep has been bred at Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar which can yield merino type wool;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) whether any efforts are being made to reduce the import of merino wool?