

Price of HMT Tractors

5129.. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of HMT tractor per H.P. when compared to Escort and Swaraj Tractors on H.P. basis;

(b) what was the price of imported Zetor tractor in the last year of its import compared to the present cost of

Model	H.P.	Current selling price (f.o.r. destination per H.P.)
HMT—Zetor	25	Rs. 1,542.80
Escorts—3036	35	Rs. 1,167.34
Swaraj—724	23.6	Rs. 1,549.87

(b) and (c). The ex-factory price of Zetor tractor last imported against 1969-70 requirements was Rs. 17,380. The current ex-factory price for the indigenised tractor is Rs. 33,700. The increase in the price is due to escalations in prices of raw materials and components. It is mainly due to such escalations that the price of the HMT Zetor tractor has been increased seven times since it was first fixed in November, 1972.

Foreign Collaboration with HMT for Production of Tractors

5130. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any collaboration agreement/arrangement with any foreign country for the production of HMT Zetor tractors; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the HMT tractors were supplied in recent days without hydr-

aulic arrangement; and the reasons for such a high cost when it is being made here; and

(c) the number of times the prices of HMT tractors has been increased from the inception of the Pinjore unit and the reasons for such frequent increase in the prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The required information is given below:

aulic arrangement; if so, the number of tractors so supplied to different States; and

(c) whether there was any dispute between the foreign collaborator and the HMT due to which hydraulic devices could not be manufactured without the technical assistance of the collaborators, if so, the present state of relationship?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. M/s. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. are manufacturing Zetor tractors in collaboration with M/s. Motokov Foreign Trade Corporation of Czechoslovakia. The agreement was approved on the basis of royalty @ 2½ per cent (taxable) and lumpsum payment of Rs. 9.80 lakhs for supply of technical documentation and Rs. 4.12 lakhs for preparation of Detailed Project Report,

(b) Yes, Sir. 1543 tractors were supplied by M/s. HMT without hydraulics to the State Agro Industries Corporations. The State-wise break-up is given below:—

Himachal Pradesh	20
Andhra Pradesh	28
Bihar	84
Chandigarh	35
Gujarat	14
Haryana	299
Jammu & Kashmir	5
Maharashtra	7
Madhya Pradesh	126
Delhi	100
Punjab	341
Rajasthan	76
Karnataka	133
Uttar Pradesh	275
TOTAL	1,543

The hydraulics have since been supplied and fitted on all these tractors.

(c) No, Sir. Technical assistance was provided by the collaborators to enable indigenous manufacture of hydraulics.

Production of Tractors in HMT

5131. SHRI G. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in HMT Pinjore so far and the rate of return for each year during the last 3 years in break-up figures;

(b) the number of tractors produced in each year upto 31-3-1977 as against installed capacity; and the reason for under-utilisation of the capacity in different years; and

(c) the proposed measures for improving the performance of this unit alongwith the improvement of quality of tractors?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The total investment made by HMT in tractor division at Pinjore as on 31-3-77 is Rs. 1196 lakhs. The rate of return during the last three years has been as under:—

Year	Rate of Return
1974-75	22%
1975-76	4%
1976-77	Accounts not yet finalised.

(b) The required information is given hereunder:

Year	Production	Installed Capacity
1974-75	6,800 nos.	8,000 nos.
1975-76	7,000 nos.	8,000 nos.
1976-77	4,500 nos.	8,000 nos.