

(a) the total annual production of Iron Ore and other minerals earning foreign exchange ;

(b) how these products are being disposed off ;

(c) how much foreign exchange is being earned from these items ; and

(d) the major problems of the Mineral Industry in the country and how do Government propose to meet them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Data on the production of Iron Ore and other important minerals which are exported from India is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—715/71.*]

(b) The minerals mentioned in the table besides being exported are also consumed in the indigenous industries. The quantity and value of export of these minerals for the years 1969 and 1970 is given in the table enclosed. Data for internal consumption is available only for the year 1969 and the same is given in the table.

(c) The total value of the exports of important minerals listed in the closed table was Rs. 187 Crores during 1970 as against Rs. 152 Crores during 1969. However the total value of exports of all the minerals from the country during 1970 was Rs. 201 Crores as against Rs. 169 Crores during 1969.

(d) The problems in mineral industry cover a wide range of aspects. Broadly speaking these include exploration, mining, beneficiation, transportation, cost, port handling, marketing and utilisation. One of the significant problem with the Indian Mineral Industry is the existence of large number of small mines operated by persons of meagre financial means and technical know-how. This has resulted in un-systematic mining practices, lack of adequate mineral exploration and preparation of minerals for marketing etc. The Indian Bureau of Mines is organised to render technical service to such mine owners. Apart from regular inspection of mines carried out by the Officers of the Indian

Bureau of Mines and conducting regional geological studies, the Bureau has recently opened a Consultancy Unit which is rendering service to mine owners on the problems exploration, estimation of reserves, preparation of mine plans, designs of mines, beneficiation etc. on no loss no profit basis. In order to gear up the beneficiation studies on low grade ores of various minerals, the Indian Bureau of Mines is setting up two regional laboratories and one additional pilot plant for beneficiation test work. The problems of beneficiation of ores are also being studied in the National Metallurgical Laboratory and other Regional Laboratories of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

The Central Government and the State Govts. are giving requisite priorities for construction of approach roads in mining areas, construction of new railway lines, and development of port facilities such as increasing loading rates and berthing facilities for large ore carriers.

As the problems of minerals industry are diversified and each minerals has its own peculiar characteristics with reference to its occurrence mining and marketing etc. the Government, from time to time, appoints expert Committees and study groups to study these problems and suggest remedial measures.

So far as Geological Exploration is concerned Geological Survey of India has intensified its exploration operations, specially for non-ferrous minerals.

#### Shortage of Imported Tractors in U. P. Bihar and Madhya Pradesh

5620. SHRI R. S. PANDEY :  
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL  
SINGH ;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh are facing shortage of imported tractors for supply to their farmers to have better yield from their farms;

(b) whether the Centre have ascertained requirements of all the States with

regards to imported tractors and made any arrangements for their import; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The demand for tractors for 1969-70 was assessed at 83,000 nos. Taking into consideration the indigenous production of tractors and constraints on foreign exchange, it was decided to import 35,000 tractors. Of these, contracts for the import of 34,000 tractors have already been concluded and negotiations for the balance are under way. The import programme for 1970-71 is yet to be finalised.

मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जातियाँ ।

अनुसूचित जन जातियों को दी गई भूमि

5621. श्री कूलचन्द बर्मा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पहली तीसरी पंच वर्षीय योजनाओं के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जाति के लोगों को कितने एकड़ भूमि दी गई ; और

(ख) चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना में अनुसूचित जाति के लोगों को देने के लिए कितने एकड़ भूमि आरक्षित की गई है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहिब पी. शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख) . जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

पशुओं के नृशंस बच पर रोक

5622. श्री कूलचन्द बर्मा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पशुओं के नृशंस बच पर रोक लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहिब) :

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) भारत सरकार ने 26 जून, 1967 को भारत के सेवानिवृत्त एक न्यायाधीश की अध्यक्षता में एक गौ-रक्षा समिति स्थापित की थी । यह समिति गौ-संरक्षा के प्रश्न पर, सर्व-दलीय गौरक्षा महाभियान समिति तथा अन्यो की इस विषय पर सभी प्रस्थापनाओं के प्रकाश में, जिसके अन्तर्गत गौ तथा गौवंश के बच पर पूर्ण प्रतिबन्ध लगाने की प्रस्थापना भी आती है, विचार करेगी और इस विषय पर सभी पहलुओं, अर्थात् सांविधानिक विधिक, आर्थिक तथा अन्य सुसंगत पहलुओं के विचार करके, सरकार की गावों, बसुओं, साड़ों और बैलों की संरक्षा के लिए समुचित व्यावहारिक उपायों की सिफारिश, सरकार के विचारार्थ, करेगी । समिति संविधान के अनुच्छेद 48 के उपबन्धों के प्रभावसाधक रूप में कार्यान्वयन के लिए अर्थापार्यों के बारे में सुझाव देगी और किसी ऐसे सुझाव पर गौ तथा गौवंश के बच पर पूर्ण प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के लिए संविधान को संशोधित किया जाना चाहिए, पूर्णतया विचार करेगी । समिति ने सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट अभी प्रस्तुत नहीं की है । समिति की कार्यवाही 31 मार्च, 1972 तक बढ़ा दी गई है ।

Sweden's Offer of Butter, Butter Oil and Dry Milk For Refugees From Bangla Desh

5623. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Sweden have offered tons of butter, butter oil and