

(a) whether Bombay Customs House Agents would set up a Labour Pool for unprotected workers from 1st May, 1971 ;

(b) whether this labour pool will benefit the workers ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce 'Labour Pool' scheme in other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUN-ARVAS MANTRI) (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) A pool has been set up from 4 h May, 1971.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) This is a private bipartite arrangement and is not part of any scheme which the Government has framed under the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948.

Appointment of a Committee to test prototype RS-09 Tractor

570. SHRI T. S. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government appointed a Committee to test the prototype of RS-09 Tractor ;

(b) if so, whether a copy of their Report will be placed on the Table of the House ;

(c) In view of the fact that all the RS-09 tractors supplied by East Germany are being taken back by them, what action Government have taken to bring the guilty responsible for the import of these defective tractors to book ; and

(d) whether the case will be handed over to C. B. I. for an impartial enquiry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a)

and (b). Yes, Sir. A Committee of Technical Experts was appointed by the Government on 4th November, 1970 with a view to verifying and inspecting the records relating to the tests conducted on RS-09 tractors at Budni in 1965 and other related matters. The Committee has since submitted its Report and it is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d). This question will be considered after the report of the Technical Committee has been fully examined by Government.

Assistance from United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for Dairy Industry

571. SHRI T. S. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Executive Board of UNICEF has recently approved of fresh assistance for the development of our dairy industry ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). Towards implementation of the World Food Programme Project 618—Milk Marketing and Dairy Development—the UNICEF were requested to provide an assistance of \$ 2.5 million for the import of dairy processing equipment, components and stainless steel materials for meeting the requirements of first phase during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72. The Executive Board of the UNICEF have already agreed to provide, free of cost, equipment and stainless steel of the value of US \$ 1.5 million including freight ; and a formal Plan of Operation between Government of India and the UNICEF has already been signed. The Plan of Operation provides for the supply of dairy processing equipment, components and stainless steel of the value of \$ 1.5 million (including freight) for expansion of the installed capacities of the Public Sector Milk Plants in the four metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras. The UNICEF equipment of India have requested for the

supply of additional .9 million dollar worth of dairy equipment and stainless steel during 1971-72 in addition to the commitment made by the UNICEF for supply of \$ 1.5 million worth of equipment during 1970-71. The requests had been sent by the local UNICEF office to the Executive Board. The approval of the Executive Board has not yet formally been communicated to the Government of India.

Estimated demand for Steel during the 4th Plan

572. SHRI T. S. LAKSHIMANAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated demand for steel in the country during the Fourth Five Year Plan period ;

(b) whether the steel plants can meet the demand , and

(c) if not, how the shortfall is proposed to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI SHAIK NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The Steering Group on Iron and Steel set up by Ministry of Steel & Heavy Engineering, whose report was submitted in February 1969, had estimated the domestic demand for steel in 1973-74 at 7.12 million tonnes. Earlier in 1968 the National Council of Applied Economic Research had estimated the demand for steel at 7.401 million tonnes in 1970-71 and at 11.934 million tonnes in 1975-76. Since both these studies have become somewhat out of date, fresh estimates of demand for steel are being attempted now.

(b) and (c). The rated capacity of the five main steel plants in the country is at present 6.7 million tonnes of saleable steel. In addition, there are a large number of electric furnaces using scrap and they are also expected to produce substantial amount of steel by 1973-74. By the end of the 4th Plan, first stage of Bokaro with capacity of

2.5 million ingot tonnes will also be ready. Production from all these sources will largely meet the domestic demand.

Cancellation of Licence of M/s. Indian Agro-Machines for Manufacture of RS-09 Tractors

573. SHRI CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of intrinsic defects in RS-09 tractors, Government propose to revoke the licence given to M/s. Indian Agro-Machines for the manufacture of these tractors in Hyderabad ; and

(b) if so, the final action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE) : (a) and (b). M/s Indian Agro-Machines, New Delhi have not so far been issued an industrial licence for the manufacture of RS-09 agricultural tractors and as such the question of revoking the same does not arise.

Demand of Tractors at the end of Fourth Five Year Plan

574. SHRI C CHITTIBABU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether an estimate of the demand of tractors required by agriculturists by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan has been evaluated ;

(b) if so, the number and horse power of the tractors required ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Working Group on Agricultural