

proposal to set up a milk powder factory. Co-operatives and private entrepreneurs are, however, being encouraged and last year additional capacity of 7800 metric tonnes has been approved.

Cooperation between India and Bangla Deah in the Field of Atomic Energy

422. SHRI PILOO MODY : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Bangla Deah have agreed to co-operate in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and space research ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in pursuance of it ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). The question of cooperation between Bangladesh and India in the fields of peaceful uses of atomic energy and space research is presently under consideration.

Shortage of X-Ray films

423. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scarcity of X-ray films in the country still persists ; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to adopt in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Tractors with Foreign Collaboration by Agro-Industrial Corporation, Uttar Pradesh

424. SHRI B. V. NAIK :
SHRI D. K. PANDA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Agro-Industrial Corpora-

tion of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any proposal for manufacture of cheap (14 hp) tractors in collaboration with an East European concern ;

(b) if so, the outlines of the proposal and the likely cost of production and cost price of the contemplated tractor ;

(c) whether Government have any other proposals for manufacture of cheap tractors, especially in view of the impending lowering of land ceilings ; and

(d) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :

(a) and (b). The Agro-Industrial Corporation of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow submitted a proposal on 13-12-71 for the manufacture of 14 HP tractors in collaboration with the USSR. The capital cost of the project has been shown as Rs. 3.37 crores and the ex-factory selling price of the tractor has been estimated at Rs. 10,000 per unit.

(c) Government have licensed/approved three schemes for the manufacture of small HP tractors for a total capacity of 36,000 Nos against an estimated demand of 25,000 tractors per annum by 1973-74 per annum. One more scheme for a capacity of 10,000 Nos per annum is under consideration.

(d) Government have not approved of the proposal as there is no scope for further licensing of small HP tractors with foreign collaboration.

Programmes covered on Occasion of Inauguration of Vizag Outer Harbour

425. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) who are the New Delhi newsmen taken to Vizag at the cost of his Ministry on the occasion of the inauguration of work of Outer Harbour ;

(b) whether his Ministry has received any report from the Press Information Bureau regarding despatches sent by these New Delhi newsmen to their publications covering the programmes attended by him and the Prime Minister ;

(c) whether exclusion of the accredited correspondent of the Times of India covering his Ministry from the Press party on instance