

(e) whether so far the Police has not taken any action in the matter; and

(f) if so, steps being taken to punish the culprit and help the widow?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case was registered at the Civil Lines Police Station on the Statement of eye witness Shri Ram Sudhar. The brother of the deceased Shri Kanta Parshad who is working in University Post Office sent an application about a fortnight after the incident.

(c) Shri Chatterjee's letter was published in the 'Statesman' dated 5th June, 1972.

(d) The car, No. DLB-176, alleged to be involved is registered in the name of a retired Major General.

(e) and (f) Investigation of the case is still continuing vigorously and action is being taken as required under the law. The widow of the deceased can also file a claim for damage in the court of law.

P. & T. Facilities in District Purnia, West Bengal

1550. **SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Postal and Telegraphic communications are adequate to the needs of the people in the District of Purulia in West Bengal; and

(b) if not, the steps Government propose to take to effect better communication system in District?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) and (b) The existing

Postal facilities in Purulia District of West Bengal are generally not inadequate. There are at present 269 Post Offices functioning in this District. The average area and population served per post office in Purulia District are 22.53 sq. Kms. and 5938 persons respectively as against the all India averages of 28.60 sq. Kms. and 4901 persons per Post Office. However, to improve these facilities further, it is proposed to open 20 more Post Offices in this district during the remaining period of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

As regards telegraph facilities, there are at present 17 Telegraph Offices in this District. It is proposed to provide telegraph facilities to 10 more Post Offices during the remaining period of the Fourth Five Year Plan. Besides, a proposal is currently under examination to provide additional outlets and Teleprinter for clearing heavy traffic to Asansol or Calcutta.

Production of Steel Pipe

1551. **SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) total quantity of steel pipe produced during the last three years in the country;

(b) whether the production of steel pipe has been on the decline in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) Production of steel pipes in the country in the organised Sector during last three years is as below:

Year	Production		
	Black & Galvanised Steel Tubes for water, structurals etc.	E. R. W. tubes for bicycles, transformers etc.	Seamless Steel Tubes
1969	2,99,293 tonnes	25,998 tonnes	24,429 tonnes
1970	2,15,578 "	32,680 "	29,254 "
1971	2,19,417 "	31,458 "	26,058 "

(b) The production of black and galvanised steel pipes and tubes during the years 1970 and 1971 was less as compared to the production of tubes in 1969, where as the production of the other categories of tubes was more in 1970 and 1971 as compared to 1969.

(c) There was shortage of indigenous skelp/strips required for the manufacture of steel pipes and tubes during these years. Even though import of steel has been allowed to the industry to make up the shortfall in domestic supply, the time lag between the permission for import and actual receipt of imported steel accounts for the shortfall in production.

Air Broadcast Regarding Spotlight on Orissa

1552. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to a broadcast on the 8th June, 1972 regarding spotlight on Orissa by All India Radio;

(b) whether this was wholly partitioned and complaints to that effect have been received; and

(c) if so, the reaction thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) There was no broadcast on Orissa in the Spotlight programme on June 8, 1972.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

ट्रैक्टरों का उत्पादन तथा इनकी आवश्यकता

1553. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या औद्योगिक विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत ट्रैक्टरों के मामले में आत्मनिर्भर बन गया है; और

(ख) देश में ट्रैक्टर निर्माण की वार्षिक क्षमता तथा आवश्यकता कितनी कितनी है?

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औद्योगिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) सिवाय इसके कि एक लोकप्रिय नमूने की मांग पूरा नहीं हो पाती वैसे देश में विभिन्न नमूनों के ट्रैक्टरों का उत्पादन वर्तमान मांग को पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यकता से अधिक है।

(ख) कृषि मंत्रालय ने 1973-74 तक प्रतिवर्ष 90,000 ट्रैक्टरों की मांग का अनुमान लगाया था। फिर भी, इस समय कम विक्री का ध्यान में रखते हुए वास्तविक मांग बहुत कम है। व्यावहारिक आधिक अनुसंधान का राष्ट्रीय परिषद (नेशनल कौंसिल आफ एप्लाइड इकनामिक्स रिसर्च) वास्तविक मांग का पता लगाने की दृष्टि से एक वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन कर रही है। वर्ष 1971-72 में ट्रैक्टरों का उत्पादन संख्या लगभग 18,000 थी। यदि वर्षोत्तर विका हुई तो वर्ष 1972-73 में निर्माताओं को 40,000 से भी अधिक ट्रैक्टरों का निर्माण के लिए सुविधाये दे दी जायेंगी।

Payment of Project Allowance to P & T Staff

1554. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Project Allowance is being paid to the Posts and Telegraphs Staff working at Mokameh, Barauni, Begusarai, Hathidah and offices within a radius of 20 Kms. from Fertiliser Corporation Barauni;

(b) whether Project Allowances has been stopped for Begusarai, Hathidah, Mokameh and all other places except that of Barauni Exchange and Barauni Oil Refinery Post Offices; and

(c) whether Government are considering to extend the facilities to all the Post and Telegraph staff of Mokameh, Begusarai, Barauni and Hathidah as before and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) No, Sir.