

Loss Incurred by M.A.M.C., Durgapur

5291. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss incurred by M.A.M.C. Limited, Durgapur, during the financial years 1970-71 and 1971-72;

(b) the amount of total cumulative loss upto 1972;

(c) the measures being taken to make the industry self-sufficient; and

(d) whether the loss shown in the balance sheet for the year 1971-72 was after waiving the interest payable to Government for the loan and if so, the amount of interest waived?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) The loss incurred by Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Limited, Durgapur, during 1970-71 and 1971-72 amounted to Rs. 6.45 crores and Rs. 3.58 crores respectively.

(b) The cumulative loss of the company as on 31st March, 1972, amounted to Rs. 36.51 crores.

(c) To make the company self-sufficient a number of measures have been introduced to increase production. These measures include improvement in production planning and control, material procurement procedures, maintenance and strengthening of the design organisation: attempts are also being made to meet the financial requirements of the company through actual sales.

(d) Yes, Sir. The amount of interest waived during 1971-72 is Rs. 1.59 crores.

Installation of Computers

5292. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND

REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of computers installed has gone up during the last three years;

(b) if so, their number Zone-wise and the number used by business, industry, Government, educational institutional, research establishment and the public; and

(c) whether the installation results in retrenchment of labour in India, if so, the steps taken to arrest it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY) (a) and (b). The available information as given in the Report of the Committee on Automation is given in the statements laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4661/73.]

(c) the Committee has commented on this aspect as follows:—

“Although there was no direct retrenchment of labour due to introduction of computers, there was reduction in the number of jobs available in the concerns immediately, since the vacancies resulting from natural wastage were filled by adjusting surplus employees from computerised departments.”

The Committee's Report is under examination.

Tractor Requirements in next three years

5293. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made in regard to the require-