

Heavy Industrial Units not working to their full capacity and running at a Loss

2668. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Heavy Industrial Units still not producing to their full capacity and running at a loss; and

(b) the steps taken, Unit-wise, to remedy this situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5366/73].

Third Conference on Safety in Mines

2669. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRI R. N. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions and observations made at the Third Conference on Safety in Mines held in July, this year; and

(b) Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) A statement containing the recommendations of the Third Conference on Safety in Mines is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5387/73].

(b) The recommendations are receiving Government's attention.

Annual requirement and production of tractors in the country

2670. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total yearly requirement of tractors of the country;

(b) the number of tractors manufactured in India yearly; and

(c) the action taken by Government to meet the demands?

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

(a) The current demand is about 30,000 Nos. per year. It is estimated that the demand may go upto 70,000 to 80,000 Nos. per year in 1978-79.

(b) The number of tractors produced in the country during the last three years has been as under:

1970-71	20,900	Nos.
1971-72	18,100	Nos.
1972-73	20,802	Nos.

(c) Some of the existing manufacturing units have been permitted to expand their production capacity. A large number of fresh schemes have been approved.

Finalisation of Defence Plan for 1974-79

2671. SHRI D. P. JADEJA:
SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Plan for 1974-79 has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) The draft Defence Plan for 1974-79 has been drawn up and suitable action in respect of urgent and essential requirements is being taken.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the Defence Plan.