

Production of Tractors

795. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
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Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a further industrial unit for production of tractors has been or is being commissioned in the country;

(b) if so, the place where the factory has been set up and its production capacity; and

(c) other details of the new factory?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). Against the Third Plan target of 10,000 agricultural tractors per annum, five schemes have been licensed/approved for the manufacture of agricultural tractors for a total capacity of 14,000 Nos. per annum. Three of the licensed units are already in production. One more unit at Bombay is expected to go into production by the end of 1964. Its licensed capacity is 3,500 tractors per annum.

Shortage of C.I. Sheets in Assam

796. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of C.I. sheets in Assam;

(b) if so, the total requirements of these sheets in Assam during each of the quarters since the beginning of this year and how far these requirements were met; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the shortage?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) There is an acute shortage of Galvanised corrugated sheets

throughout the country including Assam State.

(b) During the first half-year of 1963-64 (April-September 1963) Assam State's demand for Galvanised corrugated sheets was 30,499 tonnes, the demand for the second half-year of 1963-64 is not yet available.

(c) No fresh allotment of Galvanised corrugated sheets has been made since 1st April, 1962 because of the large backlog of orders pending with the Producers and the need for meeting the demand from the various Defence organisations after the declaration of emergency. However, supplies are made to the extent possible, against outstanding orders. A quantity of 7,049 tonnes of galvanised corrugated sheets was supplied/despatched to Assam State during April--August, 1963. Provision has been made in the Third Plan Expansion programme of Rourkela Steel Plant for production of 160,000 tonnes of Galvanised sheets.

Prices of Paper and Paper Products

797. { **Shri B. P. Yadava:**
Shri Chattar Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:

Will the Minister of **Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a representation from the Industry for an increase in the prices of paper and paper-products; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is still under examination.

Coal Washeries

798. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 71 on the 16th August, 1963 and state:

(a) the number of coal washeries