

(e) the extent upto which the plant will meet the local demand of the tractors ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED):**

(a) A proposal to establish a factory in the public sector for the manufacture of agricultural tractors with a capacity of 12,000 Nos. has been under the consideration of the Government. The economic feasibility report of the project is, at present, under examination. If after the examination of the report, it is decided to go ahead with this project, it may be set up at Ramnagar in the Varanasi District of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The plant is proposed to be set up by the Central Government in collaboration with M/s. Motokov of Czechoslovakia.

(c) According to the estimates given in the economic feasibility report furnished by the Czech. agency, the foreign exchange expenditure on this plant is likely to be about Rs. 2.60 crores.

(d) The tractor proposed to be manufactured is in the 20 H.P. range. It is not possible to indicate at this stage as to when the project is likely to go into production.

(e) The plant, when established, is likely to meet the entire anticipated demand, by 1970-71, of tractors in the range of 20 H.P. and below.

**TICKETLESS TRAVEL ON RAILWAYS**

5363. SHRI MAHANT DIGVIJAI NATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ticketless travellers on the Indian Railways detected during the last two years;

(b) the amount realised from these ticketless travellers;

(c) whether this checking has resulted in the increase of selling of tickets at the Booking windows;

(d) whether Government propose to tighten the checking measures on the Indian Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):**

(a) The number of passengers detected travelling without tickets or with improper tickets during the calendar years 1966 and 1967 was as follows:—

1967—76,43,670

1966—66,03,482.

(b) Amount realised from them was as follows:—

1967—Rs. 2,62,32,384

1966—Rs. 2,10,78,659.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Intensive and more frequent checks including incognito checks and surprise checks by Flying Squads and Railway Magistrates are being arranged. Supervision on ticket checking arrangements has been intensified.

**CONVERSION OF NARROW GAUGE LINES IN GUJARAT INTO METRE GAUGE**

5364. SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
SHRI GADILINGANA  
GOWD :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for replacing narrow gauge Railway line in Gujarat by metre gauge; and

(b) if so, when?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA):** (a) Yes.

(b) A study of the working of the N.G. lines in the Western Railway is in progress; based on the results of this study decision in regard to the dismantlement/retention/conversion to wider gauge of each individual N.G. section on this Railway will be taken.

**ELECTRIFICATION OF BOMBAY-AHMEDABAD LINE**

5365. SHRI R. K. AMIN :  
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the electrification of Bombay-Ahmedabad Railway line;