

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये स्लीपर कारखाने में लाये जा रहे थे तथा उन्हें पिघला कर ढले लोहे के पाइप बनाने के लिए प्रयोग किया जा रहा था;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पुलिस अधिकारियों ने कारखाने के सुरक्षा अधिकारी को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है तथा बाद में उसे जमानत पर छोड़ दिया है जब कि उसका कोई अपराध नहीं था तथा इसकी सारी जिम्मेदारी कारखाने के मालिक पर थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो बरामद की हुई वस्तुओं का मूल्य कितना है तथा सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनाचा) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) कारखाने के परिसर में पुलिस द्वारा स्लीपर बरामद किये गये थे।

(ग) जी हां, लेकिन पुलिस अभी इस मामले की जांच कर रही है।

(घ) अनुमानित मूल्य 2081 रुपये है।

Electrification of Kanpur-Tundla Section

9058. SHRI CHITTARANJAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the job of Railways Electrification for Kanpur-Tundla has been handed over to open-line organisation ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the details of job of electrification previously done by open-line organisation?

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

(b) Railway Electrification Projects had so far been concentrated in the Eastern Region. However, with the completion of the last carry-over work for electrification of Howrah-Kharagpur by June, 1968, bulk of the electrification works in that region would have been completed. R. E. Organisation as then constituted at Calcutta would not have been able to handle

satisfactorily the electrification projects of Kanpur-Tundla and Virar-Sabarmati, programmed during the current Plan, because of their geographical remoteness. More over, electrification works for Igatpuri-Bhusaval and Madras-Villupuram sections had been previously successfully executed by the Open Lines, and it was considered that the Zonal Railways by more direct participation in these Projects should ensure integrated progress of electrification work within their overall needs. In consideration of all these factors it was decided to re-organise the R. E. In the revised set up, the field execution of the electrification projects would henceforth be the responsibility of the Zonal Railways and that of basic engineering & design of Research Designs & Standards Organisation, Lucknow, while the Railway Board would exercise the overall control and the co-ordination. It was in pursuance of this administrative decision that the execution of the electrification of Kanpur-Tundla has been handed over to the Open Line.

(c) Northern Railway, to whom the above project has been handed over, have not carried out any job of electrification previously. However, Southern and Central Railways have executed the projects for electrification of Madras-Villupuram and Igatpuri-Bhusaval sections respectively. In this connection it may be clarified that the Railway Electrification Field Construction Unit at Allahabad, now being placed under the administrative control of General Manager, Northern Railway, has extensive previous experience of electrification in as much as they have carried out all works connected with electrification of Gaya-Moghalsarai, Moghalsarai-Allahabad, and Allahabad-Kanpur Sections.

Price of Tractors

9059. SHRI KASHI NATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the difference in the price of imported tractors and tractors indigenously manufactured ;

(b) the proportion of the parts and components imported and those indig-