

Trading Corporation on the book value of the respective vehicles;

(b) if so, the number of vehicles received from the Embassies and High Commission in India during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 and amount paid;

(c) the amount recovered from their sale proceeds during this period year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that recently tenders were called for 82 vehicles and the last date for submitting the same was 17th February, 1969; and

(e) if so, the price paid for each vehicle and the respective sums realised by way of their sale ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHRY RAM SEWAK) : (a) the State Trading Corporation pays full c.i.f. price to the Foreign diplomatic missions/diplomats for the cars sold by them to the S.T.C.; besides, the S.T.C. also pays customs duty to the customs authorities in cases where the cars are purchased within a period of three years from the date of their importation into India.

(b) and (c) . The number of vehicles purchased from foreign missions, diplomats and others, price paid, the number of vehicles sold and the sale price are indicated below :--

(Values in Rupees lakhs approximate)

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69 (up to end of Feb., '69)
Number of vehicles purchased	376	445	550
Price paid	Rs. 55 lakhs	Rs. 70 lakhs	Rs. 125 lakhs
Number of vehicles sold	376	362	674
Sale price	Rs. 114 lakhs	Rs. 99 lakhs	Rs. 200 lakhs

(d) Yes, Sir.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) It will not be in the business interests of the S.T.C. to give this information.

(c) whether the price issue has been settled ?

Supply of Rail Wagons to U. S. S. R.

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SHARMA :

SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-Soviet Trade protocol was signed recently in Moscow providing for the export of 16 prototype wagons made to Russian specifications;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) In the agreement relating to the exchange of commodities between India and U.S.S.R. for the year 1969, there is a provision for supply of some prototype wagons to the U.S.S.R.

(b) the wagons required by the U.S.S.R. are the open top 8-wheeler double bogie gondola wagons.

(c) No, Sir.