

(ख) 31 दिसम्बर, 1968 को देश में कुल कितने ट्रेक्टरों की आवश्यकता थी ; और

(ग) महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकार ने कितने ट्रेक्टरों की मांग की थी ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सह-कार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री घन्नासाहिब शिबे) : (क) 1968 के दौरान भारत में 1289 रूसी ट्रेक्टर आयातित किये गये थे। इसके अतिरिक्त, उस वर्ष के दौरान रूस से 6,500 अन्य ट्रेक्टरों के आयात का भी निर्णय किया गया था।

(ख) देश में व्हीलड ट्रेक्टरों की कुल अनुमानित मांग 31 दिसम्बर, 1968 तक साठ हजार की थी। इनके विरुद्ध, 1968 के दौरान विभिन्न मैक्स और प्राकारों के 15,000 ट्रेक्टरों तक का आयात मंजूर किया गया था। यह 1,289 ट्रेक्टरों की संख्या से अलग है। जो पहले ही आयात कर लिये गये थे और 13,763 ट्रेक्टर देश में ही निर्मित किये गये।

(ग) महाराष्ट्र सरकार और राज्य कृषि उद्योग निगम द्वारा ऐसा बताया गया था कि ट्रेक्टरों की सम्बन्धित मांग 2,100 ट्रेक्टरों की थी। इस मांग के विरुद्ध विभिन्न मैक्स और प्राकारों के 1,450 ट्रेक्टर नियत कर दिये गये हैं।

#### Shifting of 'Returned Letter Office' from Nagpur to Bhopal

1861. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has decided to the shifting of Returned Letter Office from Nagpur to Bhopal ;

(b) if so, whether Government is giving such facilities to the staff of R. L. O. Nagpur as were provided to the staff of P.M.G.'s. Office at the time of their shifting ; and

(c) if not, why not ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) The facilities usually extended to staff on change of Headquarters will be extended to staff of R. L. O. Nagpur opting to go to Jaipur, Bhopal and Bombay. It will not be possible, however, to provide residential accommodation at Bhopal as was done when the P.M.G.'s office was shifted.

(c) No departmental or State Government Quarters are available at present as was the case when the P.M.G.'s office was moved in 1965.

#### Trifurcation of Returned Letter Office, Nagpur

1862. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether recently shifting of Postal Store Depot, Nagpur to Bhopal has been deferred due to non-availability of accommodation ;

(b) whether new Returned Letter Offices are proposed to be opened at Bhopal and Jaipur and the proportionate strength of the staff is to be transferred and amalgamated in the R. L. O., Bombay for Vidarbha portion ;

(c) whether Returned Letter Office, Nagpur, which is a part and parcel of the office of the Postmaster General for all practical purposes, is now to be trifurcated; and

(d) if so, what arrangements has been made for accommodation at Bhopal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes Sir.

(d) Efforts are being made to secure/construct accommodation at Bhopal.