

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) The Government is aware that the restrictions cause some inconvenience to the tourists.

(b) The Government expects that the tourists would not mind the inconvenience in view of the need to practise austerity to reduce consumption of cereals.

New Device for Lifting Water

**2522. Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Sonavane:
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Engineer in Bombay has invented a mechanical device for lifting water from wells and reverse, which works automatically on gravity principle and without the use of fuel or power;

(b) if so, whether this device has been examined by Government experts; and

(c) whether it will be put into use for irrigation purposes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a). Yes.

(b) The device has been inspected by the Agricultural Engineer, Department of Agriculture, Poona. The report of the Agricultural Engineer as to the efficacy of machine on other points is being examined by the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) This will depend on the result of the examination being made by the State Government.

Subsidy for purchase of Tractors

**2523. Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:**

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri V. V. Thevar:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for subsidising purchase of tractors and other agricultural implements or advancing loans for the purpose due to their prohibitive cost is under the consideration of Government in order to encourage farmers to introduce mechanised farming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to subsidise the purchase of tractors or power tillers. The State Governments no doubt give subsidies at varying rates for improved agricultural implements and have schemes of providing credit for purchase of agricultural machinery and implements; the Government of India, however, have no such scheme either in operation or under contemplation.

Demurrage paid to Foreign Ships

2524. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of **Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism** be pleased to state the total amount of demurrage paid during the last six months to foreign ships at all the ports for not unloading the cargo in time?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): The amount of demurrage incurred on the cargoes shipped on account of the Public Sector during the last six months (April to September 1966) comes to Rs. 12.50.00 (approx.).