

at different levels of education have been received from the U.P.S.C., which had recommended that these examinations should also form the basis for recruitment to various jobs. In view of the very complex issues involved, the proposals, in all their ramifications, are now being examined by the Central Government. It is difficult to suggest any precise time for the finalisation of these proposals. The State Governments have not so far been consulted.

(c) The procedure for disposal is reviewed from time to time and a review is currently under way.

(d) An amount of Rs. 393.63 lakhs was realised up to September 1975 on account of sales of salvage scrap stores in the Ordnance stores. The required information for the full year is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price of Escort Tractors

1389 SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the month of November, 1974, Escorts Tractors were sold at controlled price in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the controlled price thereof; and

(c) the prevailing market price of the tractor at that time?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a). There was no Statutory Price Control on tractors in November, 1974.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The maximum retail prices of Escorts 335/3036 and Ford-3000 tractors during November, 1974 were as under:

Tractor Model	Price	
	from 1-11-74 to 10-11-74	Price from 11-11-74
Escorts 335/3036	Rs. 22,000	Rs. 36,280
Ford-3000	Rs. 41,100	Rs. 47,421

Disposal of Scrap by Ordnance Units

1388. SHRI VASANT SATHE
SHRI DHAMANKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present system of disposal of scrap by the ordnance units by auction system is being exploited by well organised groups of bidders in connivance with the concerned officers;

(b) if so, whether any complaint has been received and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to review the present disposal system of scrap by ordnance units with a view to ensure better price for the scrap; and

(d) what is the total quantity and value of scrap disposed by the ordnance units during 1975?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b): No, Sir. There are sufficient safeguards in the present system to prevent such exploitation. However, some complaints are received from time to time. They are duly investigated and suitable action taken, wherever necessary.