

(c) whether Government propose to take any action against the aforesaid importers of the Russian tractors?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Custom duty is leviable on agricultural tractors above 50 Draw-bar H.P. and on Hydraulic lifts and implements. Octroi duty is leviable on tractors and implements at Bombay at 1 per cent on landed cost.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Trading Corporation is enquiring into the matter.

Location of Fifth Steel Plant

- *115. Shri Kawara Reddy:
 Shri R. K. Birla:
 Shri Sharda Nand:
 Shri Bharat Singh:
 Shri Ranjit Singh:
 Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Moema:
 Shri K. Pradhani:
 Shri Heerji Bhal:
 Shri Ramachandra Veerappa:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the location of the proposed fifth steel plant in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the name of the place selected?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tyre Manufacturing Companies

- *116. Shri C. Janardhanan:
 Shri Vasudevam Nair:
 Shri P. C. Adichan:

Will the Minister of Industrial

Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Rubber Growers' Association has urged Government to nationalise the tyre-manufacturing Companies; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). No request has so far been received by the Ministry of Industrial Development and Company Affairs from the Kerala Rubber Growers Association for the nationalisation of the tyre-manufacturing companies.

Location of Steel Plant at Hospet

- *117. Shri V. Krishnamoorthi:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri K. Lakkappa:
 Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported statement by the Chief Minister of Mysore at Calcutta on the 24th April, 1967 that the State Government propose to go ahead with a steel plant at Hospet; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Certain press reports indicating that if the Central Government does not establish a steel plant at Hospet, the Government of Mysore would consider establishment of a steel plant on their own initiative, have come to the notice of the Government of India. There is no official communication about this and therefore the question of reaction does not arise.