

श्री प्र० बं० सेठी : मैंने दोनों बातें कह दी हैं कि जहाँ तक जांच का तात्पर्य है पुलिस इस की जांच कर रही है, जहाँ तक डिरिक्ट-रिनशन का मामला है, यह बात इंबलुएशन कमेटी को सौंप दी गई है। उन का बडिक्ट घाने पर इस का फैसला किया जायेगा।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Facilities for Food Processing and Preservation

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that facilities for food processing and preservation in the country are obsolete and outmoded ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve food processing and preservation in India ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). Some of the food products manufactured in India can compare favourably with some of the international brands. There is however, scope for the introduction, of mechanisation and modern processing equipments. Units which are engaged in the export of processed foods are being assisted to equip themselves with modern equipment not indigenously available. Training in Food technology is being imparted in the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore where adequate modern technology has been developed and further research is being carried out.

Supply of Tractors by Bulgaria and Rumania

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bulgaria and Romania

besides Russia have offered to supply and also to start manufacture in India of cheap tractors suitable for indian conditions ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

In order to meet the gap between the demand and availability of tractors from the indigenous sources, imports of tractors are being arranged by the Department of Agriculture Offers for the supply of tractors have *inter-alia* been received from Bulgaria, Rumania and Russia. The Department of Agriculture have made the following arrangements for the import of tractors from these countries during the current year :

1. DT-14B tractors from Russia
6,000 Nos.
2. 50-HP Byelarus tractors
from Russia 500 Nos.
3. 50-HP UTOS-2 tractors
from Rumania 500 Nos.

2. Government have also received schemes for the manufacture of tractors in collaboration with these countries.

A scheme for the manufacture of DT-14B tractors in collaboration with M/S Prommash export and Tractorexport of USSR has been approved in principle and the Indian party has been asked to submit their application for the import of capital goods, phased manufacturing programme and the final draft collaboration agreement.

The Indian party which wants to collaborate with M/S Industrial Export, Rumania has been asked to submit the application for the import of capital goods and revised manufacturing programme by 31.12.1968.

The Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation propose to enter into collaboration with M/S Agromachine and Tractorexport, Bulgaria for the manufacture of 13 HP tractors. They have been asked to send a prototype of the tractor