

**Export Business of Hindustan Steel Ltd.**

\*258. Shri S. N. Maikh:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether the Hindustan Steel Ltd. is losing a considerable amount of export business;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Manufacture of Tractors**

\*259. Shri E. S. Vidyarthi: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made as to the number of tractors required in the country to push up production of foodgrains; and

(b) the facilities made available to the manufacturers of tractors to meet the requirement, and thus avoid import of tractors from foreign countries?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Yes, Sir, it has been assessed that a total of 150,000 tractors will be required over the Fourth Five Year Plan period for achieving the targeted agricultural output.

(b) To enable the existing manufacturing units to maximise production of tractors, the industry has been included in the list of priority industries and foreign exchange to the full extent of the current manufacturing capacity of the units has been allocated. Even so, the production during 1987-88 may fall short of the assessed requirements and, therefore, some imports may be unavoidable.

**Cotton Spinning Units**

\*260. Shri Madhu Limaye:  
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) when the recently sanctioned 10 cotton spinning units in the private sector will go into production;

(b) whether any mixed units (composite) have been sanctioned in the private sector during this period;

(c) the number of composite and spinning units in the co-operative sector during the Third Five Year Plan;

(d) how many of these have gone into production; and

(e) the targets for both types of units in private and co-operative sectors during the Fourth Plan period?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) None of these units has made any progress.

(b) Three mixed (composite) units were licensed.

(c) and (d). 47 licences for co-operative spinning mills only were licensed out of which 12 units have gone into production.

(e) It is estimated that about 325 million spindles would be set up in the co-operative sector and 1.75 million spindles and 20,000 looms in the private sector during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

**Engineering Industries**

\*261. Dr. Karni Singh:  
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the problems facing the engineering industries such

as excess capacity, periodical shortage of raw materials and fall in demand;

(b) the steps proposed to enable maximum production in all the units; and

(c) whether Government propose to encourage some of the units to take up manufacture of farm implements which are required urgently for our increased food production programme?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). Requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### सिगरेट उद्योग

†262. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशी कम्पनियों ने सिगरेट उद्योग पर एकाधिकार कर रखा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इस एकाधिकार को समाप्त करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री कन्नडहोलि अली अहमद) : (क) देश में सिगरेटों का उत्पादन करने वाले 13 कारखाने हैं जिनको वार्षिक स्थापित क्षमता 4,52,280 लाख सिगरेटें हैं। सिगरेटों के कुल उत्पादन में विदेशी फर्मों द्वारा लगभग 70 प्रतिशत उत्पादन किया जा रहा है। इस उद्योग में लगा कुल पूंजी में से विदेशी पूंजी 80 प्रतिशत है।

(ख) देश के सिगरेट उद्योग में विदेशी कम्पनियों प्रभुता रही है और बहुत समय से सिगरेटों का उत्पादन कर रही हैं।

(ग) भारतीय फर्मों द्वारा सिगरेटों का उत्पादन 1955 में 14.7 प्रतिशत से बढ़कर वर्ष 1966 में कुल उत्पादन का 29.4 प्रतिशत तक हो गया है। भारतीय सिगरेट फर्मों को उनका उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये प्रोत्साहन दिया जा रहा है जिससे वे सिगरेटों की बढ़ती हुई विक्री में अपनी सिगरेटों की विक्री बढ़ा सकें। जो फर्में क्षमप्रतिशत भारतीय हैं उनके लिए अतिरिक्त उत्पादन क्षमता मंजूर की गई है।

#### Trade with Nepal

\*263. Shri George Fernandes:  
Shri Madan Limaye:  
Shri J. H. Patel:  
Shri Bishwanath Roy:  
Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri Bha'at Singh Chauhan:  
Shri Ranjit Singh:  
Shri R. K. Sinha:  
Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are serious differences of opinion between the Governments of India and Nepal over trade relations between the two countries; and

(b) whether any measures are being taken to restore normal trade relations between the two countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Trade between Nepal and India is taking place as in the past. The two Governments have, however, been anxious to expand trade between the two countries and with this end in view, periodical talks are held between the two Governments to promote trade and resolve the difficulties that may arise from time to time in this regard.