

Tractor Factory in U.P.

*264. Shri Umanath:
Shri Satya Narain Singh:
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:

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

(a) whether it was decided earlier to construct a Tractor Factory at Jivanathpur near Mughalsarai in U.P.;

(b) if so, when the construction work is likely to start;

(c) the total estimated cost of the project;

(d) whether Government are considering a proposal to shift the factory site to some other place; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) to (c). It had been proposed to establish a public sector project for the manufacture of agricultural tractors and implements during the 4th Five-Year Plan at Ramnagar in Varanasi District, U.P. subject to a final decision about the implementation of the Project itself after the receipt of the techno-economic feasibility study report from M/s. Motokov of Czechoslovakia. The first part of this Report containing a study of the feasibility and economics of the Project was received on 22nd May, 1967 and is presently under examination. A decision on the Project will be taken after the Report has been examined in detail.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Export duty on Jute and Tea

*265. Shri Lala-Char Kotaki:
Shri N. B. Lawar:
Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:

Shri Beni Shanker Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions for the reduction in export duty on jute, tea and other like items to boost up export;

(b) whether the suggestion has also been received that sealed tenders be introduced in Western Europe in respect of Indian coffee instead of open auction; and

(c) the decision of Government thereon?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A suggestion has been received by the Coffee Board for introduction of sealed tender system for all countries. This suggestion will be considered by the Board's Marketing Committee at its next meeting to be held shortly.

(c) Export duties on Jute, Tea, Manganese and Iron Ores (fines) have been reduced in the Budget proposals which are already before the House. The export duty on raw wool was also reduced on the 9th May, 1967. No reduction has been made this year, so far, in the case of any other commodity. The suggestion referred to in part (b) above will be considered on receipt of the recommendations from the Coffee Board.

C. I. Sleepers

*266. Shri A. B. Vajpayee:
Shri N. S. Sharma:
Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:
Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:
Shri Sharda Nand:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry placed orders on a firm for the manufacture and supply of 14,000 tons of C. I. sleepers in 1966;