

**SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE :** The prices of indigenously manufactured tractors are determined on the basis of the Tariff Commission's recommendations. The Examination of the costing is done by the Finance Ministry. They are not arbitrarily decided. Therefore, there is no reason for any misunderstanding. As far as the difference between imported prices and indigenous prices is concerned, the hon. Member himself is well aware that we cannot compare them like that. Because it depends on the economy of each country and many countries export tractors not on the basis of costs but on the basis of their economy and in order to promote exports.

**श्री रणधीर सिंह :** स्पीकर महोदय, जहाँ तक ट्रैक्टरों की प्राइस बढ़ाने का सवाल है, चारों तरफ से एक बहाना है किमान को लूटने का। मैं आपकी मार्फत मिनिस्टर साहब से जानना चाहूंगा कि बजाये इसके कि प्राइस बढ़ायें, और ज्यादा लूट किमान की करें, क्या आपके सामने कोई ऐसी स्कीम है कि 47 हार्स-पावर या 57 हार्स-पावर के बड़े ट्रैक्टरों के बजाये छोटे-छोटे 20 हार्स-पावर या उससे कम हार्स-पावर के ट्रैक्टर ही बनाये जाएँ और उनकी कीमत कम रखी जाये ताकि किसानों को थोड़ी कीमत पर वह ट्रैक्टर मिल सकें और जो लोग बड़े ट्रैक्टरों की कीमत की बात करते हैं उन लोगों को इस तरह की धांधली मचाने का मौका न दिया जाये ? अगर फिर भी वे परसिस्ट करें तो बजाये उनको मौका देने के, बाहर से ट्रैक्टर इम्पोर्ट किये जायें ताकि लाखों किसान जोकि वेटिंग लिस्ट पर हैं उनको ट्रैक्टर मिल सकें। इस सम्बन्ध में आप क्या सोच रहे हैं ?

**SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE :** The Government is anxious that tractors should be made available to farmers at reasonable prices. Therefore, the Government has been fixing prices, as I mentioned earlier. As far as 20 HP tractors are concerned, it is being undertaken in the public sector. The Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. is going to set up a plant at Pinjore. We expect that during the next few years, this plant will go

into production. There is another thing also. In our country, the soil varies from place to place. For instance, in the Deccan plateau, the soil is hard and a bigger tractor will be required. So, the Government has to work out an elaborate plan for different HP tractors as required under varying conditions in the country.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Storing Capacity of Foodgrains Imported Under PL-480 and Ships used for their Import

\*781. **SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of shipping Companies whose ships were used in importing foodgrains under PL-480 during the last three years ;

(b) the storing capacity for these foodgrains and whether some foodgrains decayed due to shortage of storage capacity ; and

(c) the measures adopted by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) (a) The information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The storage capacity available is meant both for imported and indigenously procured foodgrains. This is of the order of 6 million tonnes with the Food Corporation of India. No foodgrains have decayed due to shortage of storage capacity.

(c) Does not arise.

##### Working of State Farms Set up with Soviet Equipment

\*782. **SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are five State farms set up in the country with equipment supplied by the Soviet Union ;