

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 ;

(b) if so, how many out of them are functioning properly and whether profit was made during 1969-70 ; and

(c) whether the Union Government have decided to set up such farms in each State, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The following farms have been set up with equipment supplied by the Soviet Union either as gift or on commercial terms :—

1. Central State Farm, Suratgarh (Rajasthan).
2. Central State Farm, Jetsar (Rajasthan).
3. Central State Farm, Hissar (Haryana).
4. Central State Farm, Raichur (Mysore).
5. Central State Farm, Jharsuguda (Orissa).

It is also proposed to set up farms in Kerala and Punjab.

Equipment for the farms at Suratgarh, Hissar, Raichur, Jharsuguda and Jullundur (Punjab) has been received as a gift from the U.S.S.R. Equipment for the Kerala Farm is also coming as a gift. Equipment for the Jetsar Farm was purchased from U.S.S.R. by the Government of India.

Except for the Farm at Jharsuguda (Orissa) all other farms are on the whole functioning properly. The Suratgarh Farm made a profit of Rs. 44.49 lakhs during 1969-70. Hissar farm made a profit of Rs. 4.94 lakhs during the year. In Jullundur, the land earmarked for the farm has not yet been handed over by the State Government but the machinery received for the farm has been utilised for custom work and the farm yielded a net profit of Rs. 31,000 during the year 1969-70.

The farm at Jharsuguda is not functioning well because of agitation from the local people who are interfering with the farm operation. They have a grievance against the State Government that they have not been properly rehabilitated after their lands were acquired for the construction of the Hirakund dam. The matter is under discussion with the State Government and it has been decided to reduce the area under the Jharsuguda farm. The State Government have offered site for another farm in Orissa and its suitability is under examination by the State Farms Corporation who are administering all the farms.

The remaining farms are in various stages of development and have not yet started giving profits. But taking all the farms together, the State Farms Corporation made a net profit of Rs. 33.61 lakhs during the year 1969-70.

There is no intention to set up a farm in each State, but if any State Government makes proposals for setting up a farm in its territory, the proposal is examined on merits. At present there is a proposal to set up a farm in Tamil Nadu.

A farm has also been set up at Lokichera in the Mizo Hills district of Assam. This farm has been set up as a purely developmental effort and it is proposed to set up two more farms in Mizo Hills district. The total area of these three farms is expected to be about 4,500 acres.

Booklet Entitled 'The Strange Case of a Giant Named Public Sector'

*784. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is obligatory for a Printer to publish the name of the Printing Press in books which are for public circulation ;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to a booklet entitled "The strange case of a giant named public sector" published by "Haryanan Mail" and distributed among Members of Parliament ;