

development schemes; (ii) increased output from educational institutions during the past few years; and (iii) shortfalls in the rate of growth which affected the absorptive capacity of the economy.

Statement

Number of job-seekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges, 1971-73*

End of the Calendar Year	Number (in lakhs)
1971	51.00
1972	68.96*
1973	82.18†

NOTE.—1. *Excluding the applicants on the live registers of the University Employment Information & Guidance Bureaux except two located in Delhi.

2. †Revised.

Ban on resale of commercial vehicles

*81. SHRIMATI KUMUDBEN MANISHANKER JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a ban on the resale of all commercial vehicles for a period of two years from the date of purchase as has been done in the case of motor cars; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The order issued by Government prohibits the re-sale of commercial vehicles for a period of two years from the date of purchase except with the permission of a specified authority. It applies to all makes and models of commercial vehicles manufactured in the

country. This restriction has been imposed in order to check speculative purchases of vehicles by middlemen with a view to re-selling them at a premium.

Manufacture of tractors by Hindustan Tractors Limited

*82. SHRI D. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Tractors Limited has since started production;

(b) if so, what has been the production during the last six months, month-wise;

(c) whether any terms or conditions have been laid down for appointing distributors/dealers for the tractors; and

(d) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production during last six months has been as under:

Month	No. of Tractors manufactured
August, 1973	31
September, 1973	92
October, 1973	44
November, 1973	47
December, 1973	37
January, 1974	25
TOTAL	276

(c) Not yet, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.