

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ और पनबस

jijff (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR):

(a) Measures to be taken against any defaulting coal-miners are provided for in the relevant laws. Appropriate action, as may be called for after due investigation, is taken by the officers of the Central Industrial Relations Machinery, whenever specific complaints are received.

(b) This is a matter within the jurisdiction of the State Governments; the Central Government do not have information in regard to arrests.

#### POLICY REGARDING LEASING OUT OF MINES

\*578. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make any change in the present policy in regard to leasing out of mines; and

(b) if so, the nature of the change; and the reasons, therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES & sfcOTT W (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) With a view to further restrict the concentration of economic power in the field of mining, the Government have under consideration a proposal to reduce the limits prescribed under Section 6(1) (a) and 6(1)(b) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, from 50 Sq. miles and 10 Sq. miles to 50 Sq. Kms. and 10 Sq. Kms. respectively.

#### PROFIT OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

\*579. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/ कृषि मंत्री be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that profits and profitability of the Sugar Industry decreased during the year 1969-70; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/ कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Information received from 109 out of 215 sugar factories, shows that the gross profits made by them during 1969-70 were lower as compared to 1968-69.

(b) Low profitability during 1969-70 was mainly due to lower prices of free sugar during that year compared to those in 1968-69.

#### † ब्रिटेन में ट्रैक्टरों का आयात

\* 544. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अक्टूबर, 1970 से जनवरी, 1971 तक की अवधि में ब्रिटेन से आठ सौ ट्रैक्टरों का आयात किया गया था; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इनका विक्रय मूल्य निर्धारित न किये जाने के कारण ये ट्रैक्टर अभी तक बेचे नहीं गये हैं ?

#### % [IMPORT OF TRACTORS FROM BRITAIN

\*544. SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/ \$fa jjcft be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that eight hundred tractors were imported from Britain during the period from October, 1970 to January, 1971: and

(b) whether it is also a fact that, these tractors are lying unsold as their sale price could not be fixed?]

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहेब पो० शिंदे) : (क) और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

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