

†[WORLD BANK LOAN TO PUNJAB FOR TRACTOR IMPORTS

*346. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recently advanced a loan to the Punjab Government for the import of eight thousand tractors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Punjab Government are insisting that these tractors should be imported through the State Agro-Industries Corporation and not through private firms, as suggested by the Bank; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?]

प्रधान मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : (क) भारत सरकार ट्रैक्टरों आदि से खेती करने की पंजाब की एक प्रायोजना के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विकास संघ (इंटरनेशनल डवलपमेंट एसोसिएशन) से जो उदार शर्तों पर ऋण देने वाली विश्व बैंक से सम्बद्ध संस्था है, वित्तीय सहायता प्राप्त करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है। इस प्रायोजना की अवधि दो वर्ष है।

(ख) और (ग) ट्रैक्टर आदि प्राप्त करने, उनका वितरण करने और उनकी सम्मत सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं आदि की व्यवस्था करने से सम्बद्ध व्योरे के बारे में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विकास संघ से बातचीत चल रही है।

†[THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) Government of India have under consideration a proposal for obtaining financial assistance from the International Development Association, the soft-loan affiliate of the World Bank, for import of 8000 tractors and some specialised agricultural machinery, for a farm mechanisation project in Punjab, covering a two year period.

(b) and (c) Details such as arrangements for procurement, distribution and servicing facilities etc. are under discussion with the International Development Association.]

†[] English translation.

SUPPLY MADE BY I.O.C. TO IBP AND ESSO

*347. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :
SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY :
SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :
SHRI J. P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the I.O.C. are showing extraordinary favour by supplying petroleum products to Indo-Burma Petroleum and ESSO at low prices resulting in heavy losses to the Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Shri Budhiraja, Manager to the I.O.C. is also holding the office of Managing Director of I.B.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir Shri Budhiraja is now working as full-time Managing Director as the IBP.

FAMILY PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS

*348. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage of rural population has come under the family planning scheme; and

(b) what is the impact of family planning scheme upon the rural Muslim community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) :

(a) Since intensification of the Family Planning Programme in 1966, till 1969-70 (inclusive) about 7.5% of the couples