

(c) whether Government are aware of the reaction of the Industrialists and foreign entrepreneurs in India in this regard; and

(d) what is the result of this policy on the Government's efforts on import substitution?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) Government's policy in regard to foreign collaboration continues to be guided by the statement which the Prime Minister made in the Constituent Assembly of India on the 6th April, 1949. However, with a view to avoiding repetitive import of know-how, Government have decided that coordinated negotiation should be conducted with foreign parties in fields where:

(i) a number of foreign collaboration agreements already exist and a new party applies for the same or similar know-how; or

(ii) where a number of new units in the same field are proposed to be set up in the country at about the same time, the object being,

(a) to reduce the outgo of foreign exchange, and

(b) to encourage indigenous research and technological development.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This policy is not likely to have any adverse impact on our efforts for import substitution.

यूरोप के लिए नया व्यापारिक मार्ग

340. डा० भाई महावीर :

श्री एन० श्रीराम रेड्डी :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ईरान के शाह ने भारतीय माल को यूरोप पहुंचाने के लिये कैस्पियन सागर और रूस के क्षेत्र से होते हुए एक नये व्यापारिक मार्ग का सुझाव दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

†[NEW TRADE ROUTE TO EUROPE

340. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shah of Iran has suggested a new trade route for the transshipment of Indian goods to Europe via Caspian sea and the U.S.S.R. territory; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?]

वैदेशिक व्यापार तथा पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री चौधरी राम सेवक): (क) तथा (ख) शहंशाह की भारत यात्रा के समय परिवहन सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में भारत-ईरानी सहयोग की सम्भाव्यताओं के बारे में इस विषय पर कुछ सामान्य बातचीत हुई थी। इस सम्बन्ध में कोई व्योरे प्रकट करना लोकहित में नहीं है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b) There was some general discussion on the subject at the time of the visit of the Shahanshah to India about the possibility of Indo-Iranian co-operation in various sectors including transport. It is not in the public interest to disclose any details in this regard.]

TRACTOR MANUFACTURE

341. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :

SHRI B. K. KAUL :

SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received from the tractor manufacturers so far after delicensing of tractor manufacturing;

†[] English translation.

(b) the number of applications on which final decisions have been taken and the number of applications pending;

(c) whether it is a fact that too much delay on the part of Government in taking a decision is hindering the production of tractors; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the annual demand of tractors has increased to one lakh but the target of production is only twenty thousand; and

(e) if so, the step taken to meet the increased demand?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) After delicensing of the tractor industry, ten proposals have been received for the establishment of new undertakings for the manufacture of tractors.

(b) One of these proposals has been approved in principle. The firm concerned has recently submitted the final draft of the foreign collaboration agreement, the revised phased manufacturing programme and the application for the import of capital goods, which are under examination. Two other firms in whose case payment of either lumpsum or recurring royalty to the proposed foreign collaborators is not involved, had been asked to submit their applications for the import of capital goods and the revised phased manufacturing programmes for Government's consideration. One of the firms has recently submitted a draft collaboration agreement. They have been asked to submit the application for the import of capital goods and revised phased manufacturing programme immediately. One other firm has failed to submit the information and accordingly their case has been treated as closed.

One of the remaining seven applicants has been asked to get the tractor, proposed to be taken up for manufacture, tested at the Tractor Testing Station, Budni, before a final view is taken on their proposal. Two other applicants have been asked to submit their detailed schemes and to produce letters from their collaborators indicating their willingness to extend collaboration. These applications can be considered

only after these details are received. Two other schemes were sketchy and the parties have been asked to submit modified proposals if they are interested in taking up the manufacture of tractors. The remaining two schemes are under examination.

(c) No.

(d) and (e) The Department of Agriculture has assessed the demand for tractors by 1973-74 at 90,000 Nos. per annum. Against this, it is expected that the indigenous production would be about 50,000 Nos. Every effort is being made to step up the production of tractors by the existing units as well as by the creation of additional capacity in the field. At present, the shortfall between the demand and the availability of indigenous tractors is being met through import of built-up tractors from Rupee Payment countries.

BENGALI TYPEWRITERS

342. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of the German Democratic Republic has brought out typewriters with Bengali keyboard which is speedier to handle;

(b) whether the Government of India are aware that the Government of East Pakistan is already taking advantage of this typewriter; and

(c) if so, what is the attitude of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

LARGE-SIZED DIAMOND FOUND IN ANDHRA PRADESH

343. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 321 given