

QUICK TRANSIT SERVICE AT ARKONAM NOT PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL STAMP

211. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Quick Transit Service at Arkonam on the Southern Railways is not provided with a special stamp for marking the goods for the past six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a result of this the Arkonam Office is refusing to book the goods under Quick Transit Service resulting in loss of revenue to the Railways;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in providing the office with a special stamp; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No. Quick Transit Service was introduced at Arkonam only from 27th February, 1968, from which date special stamps have been supplied to that station.

(b) to (d) In view of the answer to part (a), these questions do not arise.

#### SPARE PARTS FOR TRACTORS

212. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:  
SHRI M. M. DHARIA:  
SHRI G. R. PATIL:

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

(a) the quantum and value (in foreign exchange) of spare parts imported for the manufacture of tractors during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Government to produce the spare parts indigenously; and

(c) the period during which India would be able to attain self-sufficiency in regard to the production of all accessories and spare parts required for the manufacture of tractors?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) Foreign exchange allocations made to the indigenous tractor manufacturers for the import of components, raw materials etc. for the manufacture of tractors during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1965-66	..	611.67
1966-67	..	688.91
1967-68	..	713.51

(b) Government accord the highest priority to requests from manufacturers for the import of capital equipment which would enable them to increase the indigenous content of tractors in accordance with their approved manufacturing programmes. Simultaneously, the establishment of ancillary industries for the manufacture of tractor parts is also being encouraged.

(c) It is expected that self-sufficiency in the production of almost every component which goes into the production of tractors, may be achieved by 1972.

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#### EXPANSION OF DURGAPUR ALLOY STEEL PLANT

214. SHRI ARJUN ARORA:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state whether any plan for expanding the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant to 300,000 tonnes capacity has been sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): The expansion of Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur to a capacity of 300,000 tonnes of ingots per annum has been approved in principle.

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