

Live Register at the end of June, 1967 classified by branches of engineering:

Branch of Engineering	No. of engineering graduates (including post-graduates) on the Live Register at the end of June, 1967
1. Civil	1,466
2. Mechanical	1,150
3. Electrical	1,150
4. Metallurgical	87
5. Chemical	68
6. Mining	32
TOTAL	3,953

(b) Development of industries and agriculture on modern lines, greater impetus to small scale industries and expansion of transport and communications etc. envisaged in the Plans are expected to lead to larger employment opportunities for the unemployed including engineering graduates.

(c) In the advanced countries of the West efforts are generally made to arrive at estimates on requirements of high level manpower as far ahead as possible and to plan educational and training facilities accordingly.

UNLOADING OF FOODGRAINS AT MAJOR PORTS

*161 SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to use mechanical devices to unload foodgrains from bulk carriers in all major ports between October, 1967 and January, 1968 ;

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains expected to be unloaded at the ports during this period ;

(c) whether the question of giving adequate compensation to workers who will be rendered jobless due to mechanisation at the ports has been considered by Government ; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOP-

MENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) Only at two major ports, namely Madras and Kandla, bulk carriers bringing foodgrains into the country were being handled and the unloading of foodgrains was being done both manually and through mechanical devices. At Bombay port foodgrains have been imported in recent years mainly through tankers and unloading has necessarily had to be done only through mechanical devices. Because of the closure of the Suez Canal and the consequent difficulty in the availability of tankers it has been found necessary to import foodgrains even at Bombay port in bulk carriers. Since elaborate arrangements exist at this port for mechanical discharge of foodgrains it was decided, in consultation with the Labour Unions, that these vessels would also be discharged through mechanical devices to ensure speedy discharge of foodgrains. These arrangements will continue during the period referred to.

(b) The total quantity of foodgrains at present estimated to be unloaded at different ports in the country during the period October, 1967 to January, 1968 is about 34 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d). At no major port, handling bulk carriers, including Bombay, any workers have been rendered jobless because of the decision to unload foodgrains from such vessels through mechanical devices. At the port of Bombay, however, because of the insistence of labour on unloading foodgrains from open hatch vessels, including bulk carriers, manually and in view of the clear advantages of doing so through mechanical devices, it has been decided to give some compensation, on a purely *ad hoc* basis, for enabling the discharge of foodgrains from bulk carriers mechanically.

SUPPLY OF RICE TO KERALA

*162. SHRI YELLA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate and irregular supply of

rice to Kerala the rationing system in the state is almost on the verge of collapse, and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to supply adequate quantity of rice to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE : (a) Supply of rice to Kerala from outside has been uncertain and inadequate. Alternative grain in the form of wheat is, however, being given to make up the shortfall to the cardholders under the informal rationing in force in Kerala.

(b) The Government of India are doing all that is possible within their resources to supply as much rice to Kerala as possible.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTORS

*163 SHRI ARJUN ARORA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the basis on which quota for import of tractors is fixed for various regions of the country ;

(b) the number of farmers in various regions who have registered themselves for tractors and are still in the waiting list for their turn in the supply of tractors ; and

(c) the number of those whose demand has not been met for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE : (a) Quotas of imported Russian tractors for the various regions of the country are fixed on an *ad hoc* basis, taking due account of the trend of mechanisation in each region and the need to promote this trend in regions where the progress is inadequate.

(b) and (c) The supply of tractors is both through indigenous manufacture and imports. Although the information about the number of persons in the waiting list for imported tractors

and the period is not available, it can be stated that there is a large unsatisfied demand for tractors, particularly for the low h. p. tractors imported from the U.S.S.R.

कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिये विमान खरीदना

*164. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौर-

ड़िया : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कृषि प्रयोजनों के लिए विमान खरीदने की कोई योजना बनाई है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा इस आशय के कोई सुझाव दिये गये हैं कि भारत में हिंदुस्तान एयरोनाटिक्स लिमिटेड द्वारा बनाये जा रहे विमानों में इस प्रयोजन के लिए क्या क्या विशेष व्यवस्था की जानी चाहिए ; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिए उनके मंत्रालय को कितने विमानों की आवश्यकता है ?

† [ACQUISITION OF AEROPLANES FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES]

*164 SHRI V M CHORDIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for acquisition of aeroplanes for Agricultural purposes ;

(b) whether any suggestions have been made by Government as to the special features required to be provided for this purpose in the aeroplanes which are manufactured in India by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd ; and

(c) the number of aeroplanes required by his Ministry for this purpose ?]

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सह-कारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णासाहेब शिंदे) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) जी हाँ ।

(ग) आगामी 3 वर्षों में 7 वायुयानों के मौजूदा फ्लीट को बढ़ाकर 57 कर देने का प्रस्ताव है ।

† [] English translation.