

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Licensed porters at railway stations are generally selected by station masters/station superintendents from among suitable applicants, who are over 18 years of age, are physically fit and bear good character.

(b) There are 3 licensed porters at Delhi Cantonment Railway Station and there has been no complaint of inconvenience to passengers due to inadequacy of the present strength

MR CHAIRMAN Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SETTING UP OF A 30,000 K.W. POWER PLANT IN DELHI

*321. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new site has been selected and acquired for setting up the 30,000 k.w. plant proposed to be set up in Delhi under the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what further progress has so far been made in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI). (a) A new site has been selected for the 'C' station at Delhi, at about a mile's distance from the existing Power House at Rajghat. Formal sanction for allotment of this land is expected to issue very shortly.

(b) Construction work will be taken in hand after the possession of land has been taken over by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

TRACTOR AVAILABILITY

*323 SHRI N RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position regarding availability of tractors for purchase by agriculturists;

(b) whether the assembling plants in the country work to normal capacity, and

(c) what percentage of the local demand is catered to by the local assembling plants.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) Against a demand of 5000 tractors per annum, import of about 2150 tractors has been allowed during the last 12 months. So far there has been no indigenous manufacture of tractors

(b) and (c). There is only one firm licensed to manufacture tractors and it has just been tooled up for the assembly of tractors from components imported in completely knocked down condition as the first phase of its manufacturing programme. Some established importers have also been importing tractors in semi-knocked down condition and assembling them, the number depending upon their quota licences from time to time.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

*327 SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Standing Committee set up in the Posts and Telegraphs Department is functioning satisfactorily; and

(b) whether the grievances of the staff are being expeditiously attended to by this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.