

Prices of Tractors

4591. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH:
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate price of a tractor of 20 H.P. 25 H.P. range in the country;

(b) whether it is within the reach of middle level farmers; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to have the price of such tractors sliced so as to suit the pocket of middle level farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to the information available for the industry, the approximate ex-factory price of a tractor of 20-25 H.P. range, depending on the make and model, varies between Rs. 70070/- and Rs. 84,700 as on 1.2.89.

(b) and (c). Government do not exercise price control on agricultural tractors. The price depends on the cost of inputs and interplay of market forces. Credit facilities have been provided to the farmers through Commercial Banks, Land Development Banks, Co-operative Banks and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for financing the purchase of tractors. As per the present policy of the Government, existing manufacturers can produce any range of tractors within their licensed capacity. There is sufficient competition in the tractor industry to keep a check on prices. Moreover, Government have ex-

empted tractors upto 1800 CC engine capacity from the level of excise duty.

Power Production

4592. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of power at present in the country with source-wise; breakup; and

(b) the names of deficit states, their demand and the steps being taken to meet the Power deficit in these States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):

(a) The requisite information is as under:—

Source	Energy Generation (MU)
(April, 1988-Feb. 1989)	
Thermal	14205
Nuclear	5558
Hydro	52979
Total	200585

(b) State-wise power supply position during April, 1988 to February, 1989 is given in the statement below. Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generation capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.