

Price of HMT Tractors

5129.. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of HMT tractor per H.P. when compared to Escort and Swaraj Tractors on H.P. basis;

(b) what was the price of imported Zetor tractor in the last year of its import compared to the present cost of

Model	H.P.	Current selling price (f.o.r. destination per H.P.)
HMT—Zetor	25	Rs. 1,542.80
Escorts—3036	35	Rs. 1,167.34
Swaraj—724	23.6	Rs. 1,549.87

(b) and (c). The ex-factory price of Zetor tractor last imported against 1969-70 requirements was Rs. 17,380. The current ex-factory price for the indigenised tractor is Rs. 33,700. The increase in the price is due to escalations in prices of raw materials and components. It is mainly due to such escalations that the price of the HMT Zetor tractor has been increased seven times since it was first fixed in November, 1972.

Foreign Collaboration with HMT for Production of Tractors

5130. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any collaboration agreement/arrangement with any foreign country for the production of HMT Zetor tractors; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the HMT tractors were supplied in recent days without hydr-

aulic arrangement; and the reasons for such a high cost when it is being made here; and

(c) the number of times the prices of HMT tractors has ben increased from the inception of the Pinjore unit and the reasons for such frequent increase in the prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The required information is given below:

aulic arrangement; if so, the number of tractors so supplied to different States; and

(c) whether there was any dispute between the foreign collaborator and the HMT due to which hydraulic devices could not be manufactured without the technical assistance of the collaborators, if so, the present state of relationship?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. M/s. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. are manufacturing Zetor tractors in collaboration with M/s. Motokov Foreign Trade Corporation of Czechoslovakia. The agreement was approved on the basis of royalty @ 2½ per cent (taxable) and lumpsum payment of Rs. 9.80 lakhs for supply of technical documentation and Rs. 4.12 lakhs for preparation of Detailed Project Report,