

Due to labour trouble and other difficulties, the regularity and punctuality of the services have been affected to some extent during the last year. Constant efforts will continue to be made to further improve the efficiency and quality of service of the I.A.C.

Demand for Small Tractors

489. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Hirji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the present demand for small tractors in the country; and

(b) the extent to which it is being met and the manner thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) It was originally estimated that during 1967-68 7,500 tractors would be required in the H.P. range 10-20, considering, however the actual size of the demand, it has been decided to make efforts for the import of 10,000 tractors in this range

(b) There is no indigenous production of tractors in this range and the requirement has to be met by imports. Arrangements have already been made for the import of 2000 tractors from U.S.S.R. and the question of import of the balance is under consideration.

Prices of Foodgrains

490. Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri Rajdeo Singh:
Shri Shambhu Nath:
Shri Nageshwar:
Shri Y. G. Gowd:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the landed price of the imported foodgrains and the procurement

price of the indigenous foodgrains in the various States;

(b) the sale price realised by Government on both these types of foodgrains; and

(c) how the difference between the two prices, that is, between the landed and the procurement prices on the one hand and the sale price realised on the other hand is accounted for?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The landed price of foodgrains imported from different countries during 1966-67 (Post devaluation) is estimated as under:—

Foodgrains	Landed price (Rs. per quintal)
Wheat	66.46
Rice	102.50
Milo	52.10
Maize	60.86

The procurement prices of indigenous foodgrains in various States are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library See No. LT-223/67].

(b) The issue prices at which these various foodgrains are supplied to the consuming State from the Central stocks are as under:—

Foodgrains	Issue Price (Per quintal)
Wheat (imported)	Rs. 55.00
Rice	Rs. 72.00 (Imported and to indigenous rice is pooled and sold at the same price) Rs. 81.00
Milo (imported)	Rs. 40.00
Maize (imported)	Rs. 45.00