

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF TENTAR

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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest position of the production of `Tentar`, the new technology machine being produced under the agreement signed between Tractor Vehicles Limited (TVL) of Britain and Indian Tractor manufacturing company `Hindustan Machine and Tools`;
- (b) the additional features of the `Tentar` tractors by which the farmers are likely to benefited;
- (c) whether these `Tentars` are being used by the farmers of other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the `Tentars` will be in the reach of purchasing power of Indian farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details of their fuel, efficiency alongwith the cost of their maintenance the spare-parts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

- (a) HMT Limited has signed during 2004 a technology collaboration agreement with M/s. Trantor Vehicles Limited of UK for manufacture of Trantors in India. Five Nos. of Trantors have already been manufactured as a pilot batch for field testing and commercial production has started with further batch of ten numbers.
- (b) Trantors are essentially higher Horse Power (HP) tractors that enable heavy duty farming which speeds up many farm tasks leading to increase in productivity. In addition to farming, farmers can use Trantors as pickup trucks, carriage vehicles, water haulage and for transporting farm produce.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Trantors are being used by farmers in UK, Africa and Australia for farming and transport applications.
- (e) HMT is manufacturing Tractors in the Horse Power range 25 to 75 HP to cater to the needs of all segments of farmers. The Trantor vehicle caters to high end farmers such as progressive farmers having large land holding, farmers who rent out the tractors on rental basis and farmers having multi utility jobs i.e, farming and transportation.
- (f) The Trantors have been developed by using HMT make fuel efficient engine which is the same as used in HMT Tractors and have fuel consumption of 8.6 ltrs/hr. The cost of maintenance and spare parts depends on usage and is comparable to tractor in terms of percentage of purchase value.