

(d) At present there is no indigenous production of 20-HP tractors for which there is definite demand in the country. The production by Hindustan Machine Tools is expected to meet about half the demand for tractors in this range.

Recruitment of Judicial Members in the All India Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

47. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4705 on the 15th December, 1970 and state :

(a) whether the selection to the posts of Judicial Members in the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal has since been finalised ; and

(b) if so, whether a statement showing the names of persons who have been selected, along with their qualifications and standing in the profession, would be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. I.T.—53/71].

Demand for Financial Assistance by Mysore State Khadi and Village Industry Board for Manufacture of Household Utensils

48. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mysore State Khadi and Village Industry Board has approached the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to finance the establishment of two aluminium units for the manufacture of household utensils in the State ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission, in its budget allocation for the State Khadi and Village

Industries Board for 1970-71, has made a total provision of Rs. 1.20 lakhs for establishment of two units.

Scooter Plants in States

49. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of the States where scooter plants have been set up ; and

(b) the average percentage of production at these plants during the last three years, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MO'NUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b). There are four plants manufacturing scooters in the organised sector in the country. The names of the States, the number of plants in each State with the average percentage of production at these plants during the last three years are as under

Name of the State	No. of Plants	Percentage of production		
		1968	1969	1970
Maharashtra	2	98.5%	99.1%	98.5%
Tamil Nadu	1	01.5%	00.7%	00.3%
Haryana	1	Nil	00.2%	01.2%

In addition, a unit in the small scale sector in Kerala State is also producing scooters. Their production is, however, negligible.

Loss to Railways due to violence in Mysore State

50. SHRI D. S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the loss sustained by the Railways due to violence in Mysore State on the issue of border dispute between Maharashtra and Mysore during the last three years, yearwise ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to recover it ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The loss sustained is as under :

During 1968	Nil.
in 1969	Rs. 8700/-
and in 1970	Rs. 6,70,139.50

(b) The loss could not be recovered. No steps were taken by the Government to recover the loss.

Retail Price of Steel

51. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the retail price of steel during 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) the factors responsible for the increase or decrease in the retail steel price ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) There are no 'wholesale' or 'retail' prices for steel. The following table, however, shows the Joint Plant Committee and Hindustan Steel Limited stockyard base prices for some important categories of steel at the beginning and at the end of the financial year 1969-70. The latter prices still hold good.

TABLE

	(Rs. per tonne)			
	J. P. C. prices		H.S.L. stockyard prices	
	1-4-69	31-3-70	1-4-69	31-3-70
Bars and Rods (excluding flats) 14 mm and below	810	877	875	977
Joists	889	977	964	1117
Plates	980	1092	1064	1342
Billets	659	721	709	821
B. R. Coils (14G and thicker) (Tested)	999	1102	1099	1372
C. R. Sheets (14G and thinner) (Tested)	1324	1427	1424	1800
G.C./G.P. Sheets (Tested)	1804	1866	1954	2146
Skelp	1009	1112	1084	1242

(b) Joint Plant Committee prices were revised upwards by an average of Rs. 77.50 per tonne with effect from 1-1-70 mainly to compensate the producers for cost escalations. Hindustan Steel Limited stockyard prices include a stockyard margin over and above Joint Plant Committee prices to cover stockyard expenses. The stockyard margins were revised upwards from the midnight of 10th/11th December, 1969 due to increase in costs and to mop up the margins available in the market.

बेगूसराय संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में
मतदान बूथों पर कथित बलात्
कब्जा

52. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या बिबि

तथा न्याय मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोक सभा के विगत मध्यावधि चुनाव के दौरान, बिहार के बेगूसराय संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में चुनाव जीतने के लिए चौदले ने समाज विरोधी तत्वों और सशस्त्र अपराधियों की सहायता से अनेक मतदान बूथों पर बलात् कब्जा कर लिया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि स्थानीय अधिकारियों और पुलिस ने इस प्रकार की गतिविधियों का समर्थन किया था और उन्हें प्रोत्साहन दिया था ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मामले की