

nels have been completed for irrigating about 7,15,000 acres during *kharif*. This figure may, therefore, be taken as the present *kharif* potential. For *Rabi* water is available for irrigating about 55,000 acres.

The actual irrigation in 1963-64 according to the West Bengal Government was about 6,33,000 acres during *kharif* and 36,000 acres during *Rabi*. The lag in creation of *Kharif* potential envisaged is mainly due to the non-execution of certain extension and improvement works and water-courses for which the DVC was responsible, and the field channels which are the responsibility of the Government of West Bengal. The delay in the completion of the works to be done by the D.V.C. as stated above has been partly due to the uncretainty created by the proposal for transfer of the barrage and irrigation canals to the Government of West Bengal.

The shortfall in *Rabi* irrigation has been due mainly to the non-development of *Rabi* cultivation in the area.

With the recent permanent transfer of the barrage and irrigation canals to the Government of West Bengal on an agency basis, it is hoped that it will be possible to remove the present obstacles to the creation and utilisation of the full irrigation potential.

#### Steel Plants

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 Shri P. K. Deo:  
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
 Shri Dhaon:  
 Shri Mohsin:  
 Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
 Shri D. D. Mantri:  
 Shri M. Rampure:  
 Shri R. Barua:  
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
 Shri Hukam Chand  
 Kachhavaia:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred

Question No. 95 on the 14th February, 1964 and state the latest position regarding the setting up of steel plants in Goa-Hospet and Bailadilla-Vishakhapatnam regions?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam):** The feasibility reports on setting up of steel plants in the Goa-Hospet and Bailadilla-Vishakhapatnam regions have been received. A Technical Committee has been appointed to study these reports and recommend sites in the order of their economic viability. The Committee is expected to report by the end of June, 1964.

#### Public Undertakings

\*45. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether note has been taken of the fact that there is abnormal over-staffing and great wastage in luxuries and non-essentials in public undertakings; and

(b) the total quantum of economy that could be expected?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo):** (a) and (b): The Estimates Committee in their 52nd and 50th Reports (Third Lok Sabha) relating to Personnel Policies of Public Undertakings have referred to these aspects and made various recommendations and suggestions. These are under examination in the different Ministries concerned. It is not possible at this stage to give an estimate of any economy that may be possible.

विकासोन्मुख देशों के लिये विशेष सहायता कोष

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 श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
 श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
 श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :  
 श्री दाजी :  
 श्री प्र० के० देव :  
 श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :  
 श्री यमुना प्रसाद मंडल :  
 श्री न० प्र० यादव :

श्रीमती अरुन्धा देवी :  
श्री प्र० च० बरुआ :

क्या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) संयुक्त राष्ट्र विश्व व्यापार और विकास सम्मेलन के अवसर पर जेनेवा में ब्रिटेन तथा स्वीडन की ओर से विकासोन्मुख देशों के लिये विशेष महायत्ना कोष की स्थापना का जो मुझाव दिया गया था उसमें क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) क्या इन प्रकार के प्रस्ताव किन्हीं अन्य राष्ट्रों ने भी रखे थे और यदि हाँ, तो उनकी मोटी मोटी बातें क्या हैं ; और

(ग) क्या भारत इसमें भाग ले सकता है तथा उसे किन प्रकार का सहयोग देना पड़ेगा और उससे क्या लाभ होंगे ?

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) : (क) से (ग) सम्मेलन में अनेक प्रस्ताव रखे गये हैं और वे सम्मेलन की एक प्रमुख समिति के विचाराधीन हैं । इनके अन्तिम परिणाम का अभी पता चल सकेगा जब कि सम्मेलन का पूर्ण अधिवेशन फिर से शुरू होगा । हमने भी ऐसा ही एक प्रस्ताव रखा है और उसका समर्थन किया है ।

#### Loans to TISCO and IISCO

\*47. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 989 on the 10th April, 1964 and state:

(a) the further steps taken to realise the loan from TISCO and IISCO; and

(b) whether both these concerns have expressed their inability to repay the loan?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subra-

maniam): (a) and (b). Discussions have been recently held with the representatives of the Tata Iron and Steel Company and the Indian Iron and Steel Company regarding the repayment of the special advances made to those companies. These discussions have proceeded satisfactorily and it is hoped to reach final agreement shortly on the manner of repayment.

#### Additional Steel Plant

\*48. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's exploration of the possibility of establishing another steel plant in addition to and apart from Bokaro has met with any noteworthy measure of success so far; and

(b) the broad basis and outline of the proposal for an additional steel plant?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b): The feasibility studies on the setting up of a steel plant in the Goa-Hospet and Bailadila-Vishakhapatnam areas, have been received. A Technical Committee has been appointed to study these reports and recommend sites in the order of their economic viability. Government will be in a position to take a location decision on the receipt of the Technical Committee's report which is expected by the end of June 1964. The detailed project report on the proposed Neyveli-Salem steel plant is expected from the consultants shortly.

#### Slag Cement Plant, Durgapur

\*49. { Dr. P. N. Khan:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a plan to utilise the slag from Durgapur Steel plant for manufacture of cement;