- (ii) Dearness allowance should be given as per existing scheme of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 - (iii) 3½ per cent house rent allowance on wages as under West Bengal House Rent Allowance Act, 1974;
 - (iv) Leave allowance of Rs. 300.00 per annum should be paid to each non-optee employee when such employee will be 60 years.
 - (v) Superannuation age should be 60 years.
- (c) Coal India Limited has been advised to discuss the points raised in the representation with the Union and settle the matter early.

Representation from Nangal-Bhakra Workers' Union regarding grant of Bonus

- 56. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any representation from Nangal-Bhakra Workers' Union regarding grant of bonus to the workers of Irrigation wing; and
- (b) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dispute is being referred by the Ministry of Labour to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication.

Production of Steel

- 57. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are in the know of the fact that the production of steel has gone down in the last few years;
 - (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the steps contemplated to boost up the production?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL & MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHER-JEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of steel from the integrated steel plants in 1977-78 and 1978-79 and in the current year has been lower than that in 1976-77.

(b) The production of steel during this period has been affected adversely on account of two major factors, viz., shortage and frequent restrictions/fluctuations in power supply and inadequate supplies of coking coal to the steel plants, both in terms of quantity and quality.

The production in 1978-79 was also affected on account of unprecedented rains and floods in West Bengal in September, 1978, resulting in flooding of coalfields as well as Durgapur Steel Plant and affecting rail movement and the after-effects thereof.

(c) Close and constant liaison being maintained with the Ministry of Energy, DVC, State Electricity Boards, coal supplying agencies and the Railways so as to secure maximum supplies of power and coking coal. Regular monitoring of the position regarding power and coal is being done at various levels through inter-ministrial/inter-departmental committees so as to that necessary steps to improve the position are taken in the most effective and coordinated manner. Department of Coal and Coal India Limited are making efforts to improve the production of coking coal for supply to the steel plants through several measures such as rationalisation of coal mines, improved mining techniques, mechanisation of mines and improved handling and washing facilities: power shortage has been a constraint in the supply of coking coal also. Against orders placed for the import of 1 million tonnes of low-ash coking coal, supplies are being received from January, 1979. These have helped to improve the precariously low stocks of coal at Bhilai and Rourkela. In order to meet the power situation, schemes have been sanctioned are being implemented expeditiously for augmentation of captive power generation capacity at Durgapur and Bokaro Steel Plants to the extent of 300 MW.

मध्य प्रदेश की ऊर्जा श्रीर सिंचाई योजनाश्रों का नाम

58. श्री एन० के० शेजवालकर : क्या ऊर्जा, श्रीर सिंचाई श्रीर कीयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) मध्य प्रदेश की उन ऊर्जा और सिचाई योजनाधों के नाम क्या हैं जो इस समय विचार,-धीन हैं; और
- (ख) उनमें से वे योजनाएं कौन-कौन सी हैं जिन्हें मार्च 1980 तक स्वीकृति दे दी जाएगी?

डार्जा और सिंचाई तथा कोयला मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी: (क) और (ख). स्वीइति हेतु मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई विद्युत उत्पादन और सिंचाई स्कीनों के नाम और उनकी वतेमान स्थिति विवरण में दी गई है जो सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [देखिये संख्या एल०टी०-130/80]

नीचे लिखी सिंचाई स्कीमों का अनुमोदन तकनीकी सलाहकार समिति ने कर दिया है और इनके लिए योजना आयोग की स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है:

बहत

- हसदेब बोगो परियोजना
- े 2 हलाली परियोजना
- 3 राजधाट बांध परियोजना मध्यन
 - 1 बनको टैक परियोजना
- े गोमुख टैक परियोजना शिक्षाता भूक 3 चंडोरा टैक परियोजना
 - 4 बुन्हासा टैंक परियोजना

कीयले की कमी के कारण मलों तथा कारखानों का

- *59. श्री एन० के० शेजवालकर : क्या ऊर्जा श्रीर सिचाई श्रीर कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृषा करेंगे कि :
- (क) कोयले की कमी के कारण कितने मिल तथा कारखानों को बन्द कर देना पड़ा था ग्रीर इसके फलस्वरुप कितने जनदिवसों की हानि हुई;
- (ख) उपरोक्त मिलों को समय पर उचित मास्ना में कोयले की सप्लाई न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और
- (ग) भविष्य में ऐसी स्थिति से बचने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

ऊर्जा ग्रीर सिंचाई तथा कोयला मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी): (क) ग्रीर (ख). कुछ ग्रीद्योगिक इकाइयों से कोयले के स्टाक में गंभीर कमी होने की रिपोर्ट तो मिली हैं किन्तु सरकार के पास ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं ग्राई है जिसमें यह कहा गया हो कि केवल कोयले के ग्रभाव के कारण ही कोई इकाई पूरी तरह बन्द हो गई ।

(ग) खान मुहानों पर कोयले का पर्याप्त स्टाक उपलब्ध है ग्रीर वहां से उपभोक्ताग्रों को ग्रिधिक से ग्रिधिक कोयला भेजने की दृष्टि से रेलवे के साथ लगातार सम्पर्क रखा जा रहा है । यदि बहुत ग्रावश्यक होता है तो सड़क से ले जाने के लिए भी कोयला दे दिया जाता है।

Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project in Kerala

- 60. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government propose to have a fresh look at Kerala's Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project involving forest destruction specially in view of the recent vacation of the High Court stay; and
 - (b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A B. A GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b). In view of reservations expressed by enviornmen-