

One of these jobs (cutting of splash plates in the structural shops) has since been departmentalised. The question of departmentalisation of the remaining jobs is under consideration of the management.

(c) At present there is no labour supply contract in Bokaro Steel Plant.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Illegal retrenchment in Bokaro Steel Limited**

2172. Shri A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the management of the Bokaro Steel Ltd., snatched gate passes of 135 canteen workers working within the factory at the instance of a few contractors and got them retrenched in the year 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Labour Commissioner, Bokaro Steel City held that retrenchment illegal and gave a copy of his finding in writing to the management of the Bokaro Steel Limited, if so, facts in details;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after that the retrenched canteen workers have not been reinstated;

(d) whether the management of the Bokaro Steel Limited is in league with the contractors doing mal labour practice flouting even the Labour Department; and

(e) if so, steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) It is not a fact that the management of the Bokaro Steel Plant snatched the gate passes of 135 canteen workers. However, the gate passes of 101 canteen workers were cancelled on the Canteen Contractors reporting about the termination of their services on grounds of misconduct and/or unauthorised absence from duty despite notices served on them.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

#### **Development of villages around BSL**

2173. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the commitment of the Janata Government to develop villages around the Bokaro Steel Ltd. upto 15 Km. by the management of the Bokaro Steel Ltd.;

(b) if so, the development work taken up so far for the upliftment of the villages around Bokaro, facts in details; and

(c) whether the present Government would honour that commitment?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (c) It is not correct to say that the Janata Government had made any commitment to develop the villages around the Bokaro Steel Plant up to 15 kms. by the management of the Bokaro Steel Limited. Guidelines have been issued from time to time emphasising that while the primary aim of the public sector enterprises must be the achievement of objectives for which they are set up they should actively explore ways and means to enrich the quality of life in the rural areas surrounding their place of operation. They are accordingly advised, as a part of their social commitment to improve the lot of the surrounding communities, to take up (subject to availability of funds and other resources) relatively simple activities like tree planting or rural education, which could be undertaken at very little cost and without assuming responsibility for any recurring expenditure or liability in respect of any rural development scheme. Similarly, they may consider making use of technical and other skills of their employees for purposes of developing

the surrounding rural scene without detriment to their main task. These guidelines are broadly in line with the thinking of the present Government.

(b) Details of development work undertaken by the Bokaro Steel Plant in the neighbouring villages during 1979 are given below:—

Amount Spent  
Rs.

1. <i>Adult Education</i>		
No. of adult covered—	1129	14,800
2. <i>Medical</i>		
No. of patients covered—	1170 (Medicines distributed)	1,170
3. <i>Veterinary</i>		
(No. of animals treated—	331 (Medicines given)	250
4. <i>Public Health</i>		
Disinfection of 7 wells and 4 ponds proper-anti-mosquitoes and anti-larvae measures undertaken.	Separate account not kept	
5. <i>Walkway Bridge</i>		
Across river Ganga (1651' long and 4' wide) constructed for the benefit of villagers to come to the Steel township		1,00,000

During the current year (January-March, 1980) Adult Education, Medical, Veterinary and Public Health measures are being continued. In addition, sinking of 20 hand-pumps at a cost of Rs. 35,035 is in progress. Further, steps have also been taken for repairing and roofing of five school buildings at an estimated cost of about Rs. 1.25 lakhs in the villages of Kandra, Kantidi, Satampur, Amdihia and Sibbandih, and for repairing the road leading to Chas Cremation Ground at a cost of about Rs. 63,000/-.

### खाद्य तेलों की अनुमानित कमी

2174. श्री कृष्ण कुमार गोयल  
क्या वाणिज्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष. 1979-80 के दौरान कुल मांग की तुलना में खाद्य तेलों की अनुमानित कमी कितनी है;

(ख) अनुमानित उत्पादन और मांग की अलग-अलग मात्रा क्या है;

(ग) इस वर्ष के प्रारम्भ में राज्य व्यापार निगम के पास इसका कितना स्टॉक था?

(घ) इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिये कितनी मात्रा में तेल का आयात किया जा रहा है और इस दिशा में किये जा रहे अन्य उपाय क्या हैं;

(ङ) बढ़ते हुए मूल्यों को रोकने के लिये आयातित तेल का उपयोग करने का प्रस्तावित तरीका क्या है; और

(च) क्या तेल का आयात करने के लिये प्राइवेट पार्टियों को अनुमति दी जा रही है अथवा अनुमति देने का विचार है ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और इष्पात तथा खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख). खाद्य तेलों के लिये योजना पहली नवम्बर से आरम्भ होने वाले तेल वर्ष के आधार पर बनाई जाती है।

तेल वर्ष 1979-80 के दौरान खाद्य तेलों की मांग तथा देश में उनकी उपलब्धता में इस समय लगभग 10 लाख मीटरी टन का अंतर होने का अनुमान है। खाद्य तेलों का उत्पादन लगभग 27 लाख मी० टन तथा मांग के लगभग 37 लाख मी० टन होने का अनुमान है;