

[*Translation*]

**Strike by Re-Rolling Mills for non Supply of Raw Material by Bhilai Steel Plant**

4694, SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bhilai Steel Plant has taken any initiative to end the strike of all the re-rolling mills of its local area due to shortage of raw material ;

(b) whether any difficulty is being experienced by the Marketing Department and the Branch Sale Office of Bhilai Steel Plant in supplying raw material to re-rollers of the local area at the rates fixed by the Joint Price Committee ; and

(c) whether the rate of billet fixed by the Joint Price Committee is Rs. 5300 per ton whereas the Bhilai Steel Plant is selling plate shearing and rod-cutting from Rs. 5650/- per ton to Rs. 6000/- per ton to the local re-rollers, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. At the initiative of Bhilai Steel Plant, the issue was discussed several times with the Chhattisgarh Steel Re-rollers Association. The issue has since been resolved and the re-rolling mills of the area have started working.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Joint Plant Committee stockyard prices for prime quality billets is Rs. 5485/- per tonne. Plate shearing and rod cuttings are, however, auctioned or sold by tenders. There are no JPC prices for these items.

**Undertaking of Exploitation work under Ground Water Development Programme**

4695 SHRI VIRDHJI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to bring the exploration and exploitation work being undertaken under the Ground Water Development Programme in the ambit of the Desert Development Programme like previously and thus help in checking the spread of desert or in reducing its area by identifying ground water sources ; and

(b) if so, when and how ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Krishn Vigyan Kendra, Shikohpur (Haryana)

4696. SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) when was the Krishi Vigyan Kendra established at Shikohpur village in Gurgaon District of Haryana ;

(b) the annual allocation of funds for this Krishi Vigyan Kendra during the last three years and expenditure incurred thereon ;

(c) the estimated requirement of funds for the construction of Krishi Vigyan Kendra buildings on the land donated by the Gram Panchayat and the total amount spent so far ; and

(d) whether any regular full time Chief Training Officer has been appointed in this Krishi Vigyan Kendra ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Shikohpur in Gurgaon district, Haryana was established in June, 1983.