

on scheme for development of inland fisheries. The amount earmarked for the development of inland fisheries in the Fourth Plan is Rs. 17.05 crores. The Scheme include development and exploitation of reservoirs, intensification of fish culture, reclamation of fallow waters, development of riverine fisheries, increase in fish seed production, construction of nursery farms etc. The target of annual inland fish production at the end of the Fourth Plan is 8 lakh tonnes.

The annual catches in the inland fisheries Sector have increased from 2.80 lakh tonnes in 1960 to 6.93 lakh tonnes in 1969. In 1970, it is estimated that the inland fish production will have reached a level of about 7 lakh tonnes.

The trend of annual inland fish production from 1960 to 1970 is as indicated below :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production (in lakh tonnes)</i>
1960	2.80
1961	2.77
1962	3.30
1963	3.96
1964	4.60
1965	5.07
1966	4.77
1967	5.37
1968	6.22
1969	6.93
1970 (Estimated)	7.00

Pisciculture in Irrigation Tanks and Wells

4288. SHRI D. K. PANDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE pleased to

state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to introduce pisciculture in irrigation tanks and wells throughout the country ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). There is no Central scheme under consideration for introduction of fish culture in irrigation tanks and wells. The programme of increasing inland fish production in the State plans includes pisciculture in irrigation tanks and wells. Most of the State Governments have formulated separate schemes for development of fish culture in irrigation tanks and reservoirs, the scale of operations depending on resources available. The main activity under the programme is, in essence, stocking of the irrigation tanks and reservoirs with quick growing fish seed. In some States large irrigation wells are similarly stocked. Special Nursery Centres to rear fish Seed are established for the purpose.

Non-Payment of Workers' Wages by Bokaro Colliery, Bihar

4289. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of Bokaro Colliery, (Bihar) are refusing to pay workers' wages for the last so many weeks from the month of May ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to force the management of the Bokaro colliery to pay workers' wage dues ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) There are no such complaints.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Supply of Raw Materials by local petty contractors to H.E.C., Ranchi

4290. SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be