

(c) The losses during the past three years have been as under :

Year	Loss	
	(Rs. lakhs)	
1868-69	618.69	
1869-70	640.16	
1970-71	530.00	(provisional—the accounts are yet to be finalised).

Grievances of workers of Modern Bakery, Cochin Unit, Kerala

1846. SHRI B. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the workers of modern Bakery, Cochin Unit, Kerala, regarding their grievances ;

(b) if so, the main grievances ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The main grievances related to their service conditions like pay revision, night shift allowance, canteen & transport subsidy, etc. The Chairman of the Modern Bakeries has since discussed the matter with the representatives of the Union and a satisfactory settlement has been reached.

Supply of Food Articles to Refugees from Bangla Desh by Foreign Countries

1847 SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether assistance of any kind in food articles for refugees from Bangla Desh is coming or is expected from foreign countries and the U N O; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)	(i)	Rice	—	50,000 tonnes from	U .S.S R.	
	(ii)	Milk powder	—	6,250	MT	} Under World Food Programme.
	(iii)	Edible oil	—	1,350	MT	
	(iv)	Pulses	—	200	MT	
	(v)	Milk powder	—	64	MT	} Offered by National Societies of various countries through the Indian Red Cross Society.
	(vi)	Baby food	—	12,860	cartons	
		and	—	60	MT	
	(vii)	Dry fish	—	67	tonnes	

A feeding programme involving a cost of \$2.5 million is also being run by USAID through different voluntary agencies.

Shortage of Iron and Steel in Bihar

1848. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL :

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND

MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of Iron and Steel in the Bihar State ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether due to this shortage nearly