

(b) whether the strike was withdrawn at the intervention of the Labour Commissioner, Chandigarh, who had given an assurance to the workers that their wages will be enhanced within six months, if so, the progress made by Labour Department in implementing that assurance ; and

(c) whether more than 2,000 construction workers have no suitable accommodation, and for want of accommodation they are obliged to work under the contractors, if so, the steps Government have taken to provide these workers with suitable accommodation ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House after it is received.

Coal Dealers Creating Shortage of Coal in Delhi

5584. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of coal dealers in Delhi who have been prosecuted for creating shortage of coal in Delhi and thereby raising its prices by selling the wagons outside Delhi or not unloading them at site in time ;

(b) whether Government are aware that the price of coal in Delhi has almost doubled ;

(c) whether certain officers of the Delhi Administration were also responsible for the shortage of coal in Delhi ; and

(d) if so, their names and the action taken against them and also against the coal dealers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No coal dealer has been prosecuted in Delhi for creating shortage of coal.

(b) Government are aware that during the period January, 1971 to May, 1971 the rate of Soft Coke had been between Rs. 8/- to Rs. 12/- per 40 kg. as against the normal rate of about Rs. 7/- per 40 kg.

(c) No, Sir. The shortage of coal in Delhi has been due to inadequate supply of wagons by the railways.

(d) Does not arise.

Employment Potential of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

5585. SHRI B. S. MURTHY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any estimate has been as to the employment potential of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) the facilities to be provided to skilled and semi-skilled workers to get the best out of them; and

(c) the cost of providing such facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The Consultants have been asked to incorporate a chapter on "Man-power Requirement" in their "Techno-economic Feasibility Report" for this Plant.

(b) It is proposed to make adequate arrangements to ensure that the Plant gets the best out of its workers.

(c) It is too early to say anything about the cost of providing such facilities as the project is still in the planning stage.

Warehouses in Assam

5586. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is shortage of warehouses to store food-grains in Assam; and

(b) what amount of rent is paid by Food Corporation of India for hiring of godowns per annum in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNSAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) At present

Food Corporation of India is not experiencing any shortage of warehouses to store food grains in Assam.

(b) The Food Corporation of India paid following amounts as rent for hiring godowns :—

1968-69	1969-70
Rs. 6,87,079.00	Rs. 11,77,759.00

Supply of Poultry Feed by I.C.A.R. to States

5587. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether some State Governments have complained to the Central Government that development of poultry work had halted owing to the uneconomically high cost of poultry feed;

(b) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has worked out a formula for economic feeds from by products;

(c) if so, whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has started supply of this feed to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the name of the State Government to which this feed is being supplied ?

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

(b) Yes Sir. A number of formulae of economic poultry rations using agricultural by-products have been worked out.

(c) The Council does not supply feeds, however, some of the feed formulae found to be economical were circulated to all the State Governments for their information and use.

(d) does not arise.

Manufacture of Incubators

5588. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether incubators of 17,500 eggs capacity are being indigenously manufactured; and

(b) if so, the names of the firms which are manufacturing these incubators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available with the Ministry

(i) Dayal Poultry Appliances, WZ-16 Lajwanti Garden, New Jail Road, New Delhi-46.

(ii) Prem Poultry Appliances, W.Z. 291 G Block Hari Nagar, Jail Road, New Delhi-18. and

(iii) Gurdaspur Engineering Works, Gurdaspur (Punjab).

are manufacturing these incubators.

Development of Animal Husbandry

5589. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a scheme under consideration of Government for the development of Animal Husbandry in 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). Three new schemes are currently under consideration of Government for development of animal husbandry. The details of these schemes, including main features thereof are given in the statement.

In addition, a large number of schemes sanctioned by Central and State Governments are under implementation for development of animal husbandry in the country.