

following contracts has been secured :

Construction of foodgrain silos for Food Corporation of India. Value of the contract is Rs. 59.9 lakhs.

(b) The Executive head of the Company is the Managing Director. The Company is divided into four divisions *viz.*, Finance, Marketing, Projects and General Administration and Secretarial ; each division is headed by senior officer. The total number of officers and staff at present is 26.

(c) Authorised Capital Rs. 30 lakhs.
Subscribed Capital Rs. 10.56 lakhs

Labour Strikes in the Public Sector Steel Plants

768. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the production loss suffered by the public sector steel plants due to labour strikes during the past three years ; and

(b) the causes that led to such strikes by labour ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) : (a) The production loss suffered by the Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants of Hindustan Steel Limited during the years 1968-69 to 1970-71 due to labour strikes in Bhilai and Rourkela and due to all forms of labour trouble in Durgapur was as under :

(In Tonnes)

	B.F. Coke	Sinter	Hot Metal	Ingot Steel	Semis	Finished Steel	Castings
<i>Bhilai Steel Plant</i>							
1968-69	—	—	—	894	380	88	45
1969-70	9,490	—	23,060	59,532	8,500	18,355	—
1970-71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Rourkela Steel Plant</i>							
1968-69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1969-70	—	—	—	97,388	—	53,731	932
1970-71	1,909	2,709	1,584	132,028	973	88,201	176
<i>Durgapur Steel Plant</i>							
1968-69	55,000	—	214,167	328,790	675,765	173,704	—
1969-70	40,218	—	328,235	238,241	158,809	134,248	—
1970-71	85,014	50	250,255	268,721	225,147	133,926	—

(b) The main demands of the workers in general related to additional manpower, revision of production incentive schemes, upgradation of scales of pay etc. Inter-Union and Intra-Union rivalries and political bundles were contributory factors.

Visit to Singapore and Jakarta by the Minister of External Affairs

769 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had been to Singapore and Jakarta in August last ;

(b) if so, the mission of his visit to those places ; and

(c) what necessiated him to cancel his programme with the Indians in Jakarta and airdash to Singapore ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit to Indonesia from 12th to 15th August, 1971 was at the invitation of the Indonesian Foreign Minister. During his visit, the annual bilateral consultations