

have not implemented the recommendations of the Coal Wage Board;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against the employers; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):** (a) The recommendations have been implemented fully in respect of approximately 69 per cent of workers and partially in respect of 28 per cent workers. These have not been implemented at all in respect of 3 per cent workers

(b) and (c). It is expected that with the recent take over of mines the process of implementation would be completed soon

#### Cost of Production of Steel

**503. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYA:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost of production of steel in our country;

(b) whether average cost of production of steel in Japan is less than of ours;

(c) if so, the specific reasons for the difference; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):** (a) The average cost of production of steel Ingots in 1971-72, excluding Depreciation and Interest, is around Rs. 456 per tonne.

(b) and (c). Data regarding cost of production in Japan are not available.

(d) Several steps are under way including efforts at improving industrial relations and better schedules of maintenance. Steel plant production has been also adversely affected by power shortage.

#### Replenishing of Losses of Indian Arms and equipment during last Indo-Pak war

**505. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:** Will Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the losses in arms equipment, and various other kinds of losses caused during the last Indo-Pakistan struggle have been replenished;

(b) how long it will take to bring the readiness of the Armed Forces at pre-struggle stage, and modernise them upto-date with developments in defence research and resourcefulness; and

(c) to what extent we are still dependent upon foreign supplies?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):** (a) The losses are being replenished by indigenous production and by procurement from abroad in essential cases.

(b) The Armed Forces are kept in a state of readiness. It will be appreciated that modernisation, is a continuous process.

(c) Our dependence on foreign supplies for defence purposes is limited.

#### Increase in the Expenditure of Republic Day Parade

**506. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Expenditure of the Republic Day Parade and the rehearsals preceding it has increased during the last three years; and

(b) whether there is any proposal or plan to broad-base the spectacular arrangements with a view to enable larger number of people to witness the parade in future with better facilities?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM):** (a) The