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 (ii) Labour troubles including total strike from 24-8-65 to 6-9-65.

The figures of profit/loss are as follows:—

Year	Profit	Loss %Profit/ Los;
	(Rs. In Lakhs)	
1962-63		35.66 —6.4
1963-64	12.51	+1.8
1964-65		48.83 —7.0
1965-66		69.86 —10.03
1966-67	43.46	+6.2

(d) and (e). The reasons have been given above in answer to part (c) of the Question. This matter has been kept under constant review by the Govt. It is expected that with the improvement in the supply of power and raw materials, the production will improve.

MODERNISATION OF FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES

1465. SHRI P. J. GOPALAN:
 SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY:
 SHRI VISWANATHA MENON:
 SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI:
 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU:
 SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:
 SHRI NAMBIAR:
 SHRI UMANATH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Food testing laboratories set up by Government for checking food adulterations are ill-equipped and are unfit to carry out specialized tests;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to modernise them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Equip-

ment Requiring routine analysis is generally available in all the food laboratories under state Governments/Union Territories but equipment required for carrying specialised tests are generally not available.

(b) and (c). A scheme for strengthening of food laboratories in the country by providing financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories in the IVth Five Year Plan Period is under the consideration of Government.

NEW FERTILIZER DEVELOPED BY NANGAL UNIT OF FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA

1466. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new 'enriched' type of fertilizer has been developed by the Nangal Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) the extent to which its manufacture, would be increased; and

(c) the average saving in foreign exchange expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) to (c). Nangal Unit has started producing CAN fertilizer with 25% Nitrogen with effect from 20th August, 1967 in place of C. A. N. with 20.5% nitrogen which they were producing till then. There is no increase in production due to this change-over as the plant capacity will continue to be 80,000 tonnes per year in terms of Nitrogen. Since the total annual production of Nitrogen remains the same no extra foreign exchange saving is anticipated from this change-over.

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1467. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत सरकार ने लंका सरकार को 5 करोड़ रुपये का ऋण दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उसकी शर्तें क्या हैं; और