

क्षति हुई है। इसीलिए यह रुपया एक करोड़ दिया है।

श्री ए० पी० शर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जब मैंने पूछा कि यह क्षति की वजह से दिया गया तो उस वक्त आप ने भी कहा कि यह क्षति के लिए नहीं बल्कि कृषि के विकास के लिए है। अभी उन्होंने कहा कि क्षति हुई है यह रुपया इसी लिए दिया गया है।

श्री मुहम्मद जमीशुर्रहमान : मंत्री महोदय यह दताने की कृपा करेंगे वाटर लाइगिंग से जो नुकसान हुआ उसके लिए भी कुछ रुपया रखा है।

श्री शेर सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस योजना में जो हर साल की योजना बनती है उसमें ब्लाक ग्रान्ट और ब्लाक लोन दिया जाना है। अब उसमें यह स्टेट सरकार की इच्छा की बात है, वह किस काम में उसको इन्वेस्ट करना चाहती है।

Industrial Relations in Durgapur Steel Plant

*996 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Industrial relations in Durgapur Steel Plant have improved ;

(b) if so, whether some sort of Joint Consultation Machinery have been formed ; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Except the Works Committee constituted according to the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, no other Joint Consultative Committee is functioning due to non-participation by the recognised Union.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : It is very disheartening to note that industrial relation in

Durgapur steel plant has not improved. I would like to know whether it is a fact that after the recent agreement with various trade unions in Durgapur Steel Plant, there were certain demands made by the employers representative about the joint consultative machinery for lasting industrial peace and since the existing machinery has been found to be ineffective, I would like to know whether they would evolve some joint consultative machinery on this.

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : The management is very keen to associate the workers and we have been trying to form various committees, but the difficulty is that the biggest union which is the recognised union has not responded to our efforts so far. But the efforts are still continuing.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE. I am happy, the management has decided to associate workers in the various committees including 2 men on the Board of Directors. But, what will be the method ? How do you select or elect those candidates ? I want to know whether in the absence of unanimity among trade unions they will resort to secret ballot so that true representative comes as representative of the workers.

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : I think at this stage it is too early to give any definite procedure for selection of workers representative. As he knows there is a Joint Negotiating Committee which negotiated for wages of workers and they have done extremely good work. We have requested that committee to continue its good work and suggest the best method of selecting representative.

श्री राम सहाय पांडे : श्रीमन्, दुर्गापुर स्टील प्लान्ट हमारे देश का वह प्लान्ट है जिस में 500 करोड़ रुपया हम ने देश का इन्वेस्ट किया है और बड़ा सोफिस्टिकेटेड प्लान्ट है। पांडेय रिपोर्ट के सन्दर्भ में मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि 37 परसेंट जो आप का आज उत्पादन हो रहा है, उस को बढ़ाने के लिए टेकनिकली आप क्या कर रहे हैं ताकि उस का प्रोडक्शन बढ़े और जो स्टाफ कैंपेसिटी है वह बढ़े।

MR. SPEAKER : This question is about improvement of industrial relations. Your question does not arise.

SHRI DAMODAR PANDEY : He said that the majority union is not responding to the appeal of management to improve relations. It is for political reasons that they have not responded ?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : I can't say anything about it

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : Is it a fact that the recognised union a long time back has submitted a memorandum with positive suggestion regarding certain working conditions in Durgapur steel plant ? If so, has Government given any thought to it, especially the point they raised about unnecessary interference of the industrial security force which is creating much disturbance in the steel plant ?

MR. SPEAKER : Please try to make it the question only.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : They have submitted memorandum with positive suggestions.

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : All positive suggestions by the recognised as well as unrecognised unions are given very careful consideration. The industrial security force may be acting as an irritant, but the hon. Member knows the working conditions there, and I am afraid the management cannot do much in the matter.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : Why does he not withdraw it ?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Why keep irritants there ?

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : May I ask a question ?...

MR. SPEAKER : One Member from his party has already asked a question.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Durgapur is a very serious problem. In view of the importance of Durgapur, I may be permitted to ask a question.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : We do not agree to this that during the Question Hour, only one Member from one party will ask a supplementary question. That has never been the practice here. That should not be the practice here.

MR. SPEAKER : This is the practice that we have been following. Unless there is none to ask supplementary questions from the other side, we do not permit more than one Member from a party to ask supplementary questions. If there is none to ask questions from the other side, then we may allow the next immediate supplementary question to be put by a Member from the same party. We have spent a lot of time on this already.

Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories

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*997. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :**
SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme for the establishment of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories as a centrally-sponsored scheme and propose to approve the scheme for implementation during 1971-72 ; and

(b) if so, the pattern of assistance for the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) The Government of India initiated a scheme of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in 1968. The scheme is being implemented in 1971-72.

(b) The Government of India are meeting 100% cost of the Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories to be supplied to the State Governments. The operational cost including the expenditure on staff, necessary chemicals, reagents, repairs and maintenance etc. of the laboratories will, however, be borne by the State Governments.

SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Is it a fact that the Government of India informed the