

**SHRI D. D. DESAI :** May I know the average requirements of EC grade aluminium which is principally used for electric transmission lines electric cables and electrical machinery has been about 50 percent, and each time an industrial licence is issued, it is made clear that 50 per cent of the capacity be used for manufacture of EC grade. My I know whether Government have taken any steps to see that the producers adhere to 50 per cent production and effect deliveries on a weekly or monthly basis on the basis of industrial licence and the Government policy of producing 50 per cent of aluminium in the EC grade?

**SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN :** Yes, Government are keeping a very keen eye on it.

**SHRI D. D. DESAI :** I may inform you, Sir, that the Government have failed miserably, and the electrification programmes are seriously affected. Anyway, let me now ask my second supplementary question. The imported aluminium, which is about 25,000 to 30,000 tonnes, has been channelised through the MMTC. Would Government accept the recommendations of the Wanchoo Commission on pricing to be applicable to MMTC imports or would the MMTC be allowed to demand extortionate prices as they have done in recent months?

**SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN :** No extortion would be permitted and the imported aluminium would be distributed on a *pro-rata* basis to all consumers.

**श्री ईश्वर चौधरी :** क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि सन 71-72 में प्राइवेट कम्पनियों को कितने लाइसेंस देने की योजना है ?

**श्री शाहनवाज खां :** अभी कोई इरादा नहीं है ।

**श्री ईश्वर चौधरी :** योजना नहीं है या इरादा नहीं है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** अब कुछ ही है ।  
माननीय सदस्य बैठ जायें ।

**Strikes in Units of Hindustan Steel Limited and Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi**

\*252. **SHRI S R. DAMANI :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of man-days lost during 1970-71 in the three units of the Hindustan Steel Limited and the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi on account of strikes, lock-outs etc.

(b) the loss of production thereby,

(c) the extent of losses due to damage to the plants by worker's violent activities, and

(d) the steps taken to streamline the management-workers relations and to enforce discipline to get better working results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES  
(SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c)  
A statement is laid on the Table of the House

*Statement*

(a) The number of man-days lost during 1970-71 on account of labour troubles including strikes, lock-out etc. in the three plants of Hindustan Steel Limited and in the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi were as under :—

Hindustan Steel Limited Plants	2,57,010
Heavy Engg Corporation	11,536

(b) On account of the man-days lost referred to in (a) above, production, of the value indicated below, was lost :

Hindustan Steel Limited

Plants:

Rs. 23.20 crores

Heavy Engg Corpora-  
tion

Rs 87,094

(c) During violent demonstration by some workers of the Steel Melting Shop in Durgapur Steel Plant on 26-9-70, some doors and windows of the Steel Melting Shop and adjacent buildings were broken office records burnt and some typewriters damaged

At Rourkela, Bhilai and in the Heavy Engg Corporation Ranchi the loss was nil

(d) The policy of the Management has been to follow and implement the requirements of the various labour laws and to resolve industrial disputes by mutual discussions as far as possible. To ensure better understanding of the points of view of the employees periodic discussions are held with them with a view to ensuring better results by co-operative effort and good team work.

SHRI S R DAMANI According to the statement, the loss in production due to the loss of 2,57,010 man-days is Rs. 23.20 crores. Recently there has been a wage settlement under which the workers are going to get Rs. 15 crores per annum. After this, has the position and efficiency improved? If not what are the reasons therefore, and what action the hon. Minister is going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) The position has improved in so far as the Rourkela and Bhilai steel plants are concerned. As for Durgapur, it has had improvement for some time. But recently, there has been some deterioration. Government are taking steps by further discussions with the unions and the management, particularly for the better functioning of the joint wage negotiating committee and also by improving the communication with the unions at the plant level, and we hope we will be able to see

that a further improvement in the situation is effected.

SHRI S R DAMANI I also read in the papers today that in Durgapur there will again be a strike. What improvements have been made in the management, as it was not because of the fault of workers but of faulty management that the production losses are there?

SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM We have not stated that whatever losses that have been suffered in these steel plants have been solely due to these strikes and so on. We know there have been certain weaknesses in the management, but we have taken steps to improve managerial control particularly in the fields of maintenance, proper planning and production.

**Programme for scientific storage and Warehousing facilities by Central Warehousing Corporation**

\*253 SHRI S A MURUGANANTHAM Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation proposes to launch a crash programme to promote scientific storage and bringing Warehousing facilities to the largest number of farmers and

(b) if so the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central and State Warehousing Corporations are considering a proposal to maximise the utilisation of their scientific storage facilities by farmers. A scheme for establishing warehouses in the regulated markets and linking them with the farm and community level storage by providing transport facilities is being worked out by a Committee consisting of the representatives of the