

(b) whether Government have taken some further steps to step up Green Revolution in the country in future and if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the special facilities provided to the farmers under this programme to help them proper exploitation of their lands and to increase the production therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) Government have no specific programme called "Green Revolution" as such. The success of the New Agricultural Strategy, launched from Kharif, 1966, has often been described as "Green Revolution" by many Foreign and Indian observers.

The High-Yielding varieties and Multiple Cropping programmes constitute the two major planks of the New Strategy, which have made this "break-through" possible. The progress under these programmes is reviewed by the Government from time to time. The general finding is that taking the country as a whole and taking all crops together, the progress made is satisfactory.

(b) Besides bringing larger areas under the High-Yielding Varieties and Multiple Cropping Programmes, the other steps taken include intensification of research, extension and farmers' training programmes; intensive development of irrigation; particularly ground-water resources; surveillance of pests and diseases and well organised plant protection operations, etc.

(c) The participating farmers are assured of required inputs *viz.* seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and credit. They are also provided training in the latest methods and techniques of raising high-yielding variety crops; efficient use of inputs, particularly fertilisers and better water management. Besides, effective and purposeful demonstrations are organised

on farmers' fields alongwith National Demonstrations.

#### Setting up of Steel Plant in Kerala

\*258. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the decision on setting up of a steel plant in Kerala would be taken after knowing the extent and quality of the ore deposits in Kozhikode;

(b) if so, the findings of the geological survey; and

(c) the steps taken to set up a Steel Plant in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a) to (c). The Geological Survey of India are yet to complete the investigations on the Kozhikode iron ore deposits. A view can be taken on any investment proposal only after the investigations have been completed.

#### Help by Indian Red Cross Society to East Pak. Refugees

\*259. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the aid or help given by the Indian Red Cross Society to the refugees who came from East Bengal to India during the period January, 1971 to May, 1971?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : The Indian Red Cross Society have informed that their headquarters have so far allocated supplies worth about rupees eight lakhs eighty thousand to their State branches for providing relief to East Bengal refugees. A statement showing the details of allocation is laid on the Table of the Sabha.