

**SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE :** Normally like other subjects of agriculture, it falls within the purview of the State Governments. But the Centre has been helping the State Governments by giving block grants. It is coordinated research which is going to help the development of mango crop. In that, the Centre plays a big role through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

**MR. SPEAKER :** I would not have stopped this delicious discussion, but the time is already over.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Steps to Solve Shortage of Milk During Fourth Plan

\*392. **SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take in the Fourth Five Year Plan period to solve the country-wide shortage of milk ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) :** Cattle development and dairy scheme in the Central and State Sectors of the Fourth Plan rely on scientific breeding, better management, veterinary care and proper marketing facilities for increasing milk production. The question of feed and fodder must be given more attention.

2. On the advice of the Scientists' Panel, cross-breeding programme for milk shed areas appertaining to dairy factories has been accepted as a part of our breeding policy. Under the intensive cattle development projects, steps are being taken to provide better quality bulls and to organise a system of artificial insemination and where there are practical difficulties to make facilities for natural service available. Key village blocks are also being opened in areas not served by intensive cattle development projects, New veterinary hospitals and dispensaries are being set up to take care of animal health. The Operation Flood which will step up milk supply in the four major metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras will organise cattle development work in 10 States and

one Union Territory. This will provide much needed fillip to milk production.

##### Labour Trouble in Durgapur Steel Plant

\*396. **SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSA :**  
**SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :**

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of Durgapur Steel Plant is holding back production for the last two and a half months in different units, particularly in mill shops in apprehension of labour trouble ;

(b) whether the offer made by the Hindustan Steel Employees' Union, Durgapur for joint efforts to improve the situation has been turned down by the management ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the demands of the workers of that establishment which have been outlined in a memorandum recently submitted to Government ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) :** (a) No, Sir. It may, however, be stated that whenever strikes and 'bandhs' seemed imminent, certain precautionary/safety measures had to be taken by the Management to save the Plant from damage.

(b) The Plant Management welcome all positive suggestions for improvement of production and productivity.

The Management had sent proposals to the Hindustan Steel Employees' Union in 1969 to associate itself in the various Joint Consultative Committees in order to settle matters of mutual concern like, improvement of production and productivity, shop level discipline, settlement of employees' grievances etc. In spite of many reminders, the Union has not so far nominated its representatives to the various Joint Committees

However, a meeting was held between Hindustan Steel Employees' Union and the

Plant Management on 15th May, 1971 for joint efforts in improving production in Steel Melting Shop. Similar joint meetings are proposed to be held to improve production in other areas of the Plant.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

**Underproduction in Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plant**

\*398. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether underproduction in Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants is mainly due to breakdown of the plants arising from lack of preventive maintenance during the initial stages ;

(b) if so, the number of such breakdowns in each of the plants during the last two years ended 31st March, 1971 and the time of such occurrences : and

(c) the action Government propose to take to remedy the past lapses ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) The production at Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants during 1970-71 was lower than that in 1969-70. This shortfall in production was partly due to disturbed industrial relations throughout the year in Durgapur and during the first half of the year in Rourkela and partly on account of certain technical and operational constraints/deficiencies including loss of production facilities due to breakdowns.

(b) The number of breakdowns exceeding one day during the year 1969-70 was as under :

Plants	Number of breakdowns exceeding one day	
	1969-70	1970-71
Rourkela Steel Plant	26	27
Durgapur Steel Plant	31	7

(c) The Management of Hindustan Steel Limited is quite alive to the importance of preventive maintenance and has taken a number of remedial measures including reorganisation and strengthening of maintenance organisations, timely procurement of spare parts, regular inspection of plant and equipment and advance planning of repairs etc.

**Setting Up of Small Units of Steel Plant in Rajasthan**

\*399. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the acute shortage of steel and the long time involved to set up big plants, Government are considering to set up smaller units in the vicinity of iron ore belts ;

(b) whether in this connection Government have examined the recent findings of large iron ore deposits in Rajasthan suitable for the above purpose ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) There is at present no proposal to set up small steel units in the Central sector.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Profits of Coal Mining Companies in Private Sector**

\*400. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the profits of the private sector coal mining companies have gone up very high during 1969-70 ; if so, how much ;

(b) whether the salaries and wages which accounted for 51.7 per cent of the value of production in 1969 have come down to 49 per cent in 1970 ; and

(c) whether the expenditure on welfare measures had come down from 5.3 per cent