

(b) if so, the communication made by the Government of West Bengal in this regard and reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTRE OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation of Iron and Steel to Kerala

*1312. **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the allocation share of Iron and Steel of Kerala is too low as compared to other States during the last three years ; and

(b) if so, the allocation made to each State during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) There is no Statewise system of allocation of Steel under the present distribution procedure. Steel is being supplied mostly to actual users.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of National Forest Policy

*1313. **SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 659 on the 10th December, 1970 and state :

(a) whether a review of the National Forest Policy has since been completed and if so, the main conclusions thereof ; and

(b) whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) No, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) It will be published as a Resolution of the Government and a copy will be maintained in the Library of the Parliament

Statement

The National Forest Policy was discussed article-wise in each of the four Regional meetings of the Central Forestry Commission. Thereafter, it was discussed in the fifth meeting of Central Forestry Commission held at Srinagar on 26th and 27th September 1969. The Commission considered the recommendations made at four Regional meetings and appointed a Drafting Committee to prepare a draft of the new revised National Forest Policy for the consideration by the States and ultimately by the Central Board of Forestry.

2. The First meeting of the Drafting Committee held at New Delhi on 26.10.1970, discussed the approach to be adopted for the revision of the existing policy and decided that the revised Forest Policy should have three parts, viz. Part I—BACKGROUND, PART II—APPRAISAL OF THE EXISTING POLICY, AND PART III—POLICY ENUNCIATION. It was also decided that the President, Forest Research Instituted and Secretary, Central Forestry Commission will prepare a draft and circulate the same to the members of the Drafting Committee before the next meeting is held. In the meantime, the National Commission on Agriculture, have constituted a study group called "Forest Policy, Law and Administration" to study in depth the existing Forest Policy. As such, the material prepared by the Central Forestry Commission would be made available to the study group now appointed by the National Commission on Agriculture.

Difficulties Re : Supply of food to West Bengal and Bangla Desh Refugee Camps

*1314. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are experiencing difficulties in sending regular supply of food to West Bengal and particularly to Bangla Desh Refugee Camps;

(b) if so, the nature and cause of such difficulties; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to remove them ?