

- (i) Soaring prices of commodities ;
- (ii) Withdrawal of Central Industrial Security Force and Central Reserve Police for alleged atrocities committed by police.
- (iii) Immediate mid-term Flection in the State.

On 22.2.1971, another Bangla Bundh was observed as a mark of respect to the memory of late Shri Hemantakumar Bose, President of the All-India Forward Bloch Party who was fatally stabbed in Calcutta on 20.2.1971. February 22, 1971 was declared as a public holiday by the State Government.

The Third Bangla Bundh was observed on 31.3.1971 on a Call given by political parties in the State against repressive measures in East Bengal.

Besides the above general strikes, there were several instances of stoppage of work by the workers without notice, to press their demands regarding manning, upgradation of posts, etc.

#### Famine Areas

\*100. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the States where famine areas have been declared recently ; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to assist them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Only in Bihar State an area covering 20 blocks in 8 districts has been declared famine affected area. Scarcity conditions have been reported by the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore and Rajasthan.

(b) The State Government has drawn up a relief programme, costing about Rs. 12

crores, which includes provision for hard manual labour schemes, gratuitous relief, public health measures, drinking water supply, cattle relief, energisation of wells and minor irrigation schemes. A central team of officers is visiting the state shortly to make an on the spot assessment of the situation and the request of the State Government for central assistance will be considered on receipt of the team's report. Meanwhile, the State Government has allotted Rs. 1.75 crores for immediate relief measures.

#### Survey for Implementation of Master Plan for Fisheries of Kerala

\*101. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRI) be pleased to state the steps taken by Government of the detailed survey with regard to the implementation of Rs. 306 crores Master Plan for fisheries from the Kerala Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : The Master Plan proposes introduction of 555 large steel-hulled vessels and 8100 mechanised boats, development of 16 fishing harbours, creation of capacity for additional production of 950 tonnes of ice per day, provision of 2200 tonnes of cold storage capacity, establishment of 14 boat building yards and 22 centres for the construction of steel-hulled trawlers, 19 repair and refitting workshops, 4 wire-less stations, 1 net making factory, 6 industrial estates, 10 canning plants, 14 fish meal plants, 1 marine diesel engine factory etc. The Plan also envisages organisation of 4050 primary cooperative societies, construction of nearly 35,000 houses for fishermen, 186 fish markets and 340 fish stalls. The total outlay envisaged in the Plan is Rs. 305.92 crores.

The Plan covers a period of 20 years, that is, a period which would normally be covered by four five year plans. A detailed survey with regard to implementation of the Plan is, therefore, not practicable at this stage. The Plan, however, provides a useful framework with reference to which the five year plans and detailed programmes can be formulated. The programmes listed in the

Master Plan, relate to over-all development of Fisheries in the State, and concern all sectors of the economy—public, private and cooperative. It is accordingly necessary to have a broad assessment of the resources expected to be mobilised in the various sectors including the private and cooperative sectors so that the formulations in the Plan may be effectively co-related to the total resources likely to be available. This has already been suggested to the State Government. The Fourth Five Year Plan of the State envisages an outlay of Rs 11 crores. The programmes under the State Plan have been examined in detail in consultation with the State Government. In addition, several schemes for construction of harbours in the State, survey of resources and subsidy for deep sea fishing vessels have been taken up by the Central Government. Additional investment is also expected in the public and cooperative sectors. Detailed plans can be usefully drawn up only in respect of such programmes for which funds have been earmarked or are likely to be available for development or investment in commercial ventures. The assessment of resources in various sectors which the State Government has been requested to undertake will facilitate more detailed planning for successive phases in the period of 20 years covered by the Master Plan.

#### Durgapur Steel Plant

\*102. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the Minister of STEEL & MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) : be pleased to state :

(a) the increase in steel production registered in the Durgapur Steel Plant after the ninth steel melting shop was commissioned sometime back ;

(b) the present installed capacity for steel production in the Plant after the installation of the ninth steel melting shop ;

(c) the gap between the present installed capacity and the actual production of steel ; and

(d) whether he has personally visited the site of the plant recently and sought to remedy the situation by discussion with the

leaders of the labour unions and the management concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES (ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI) (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The ninth open hearth furnace in Durgapur Steel Plant was commissioned only on 9-4-1971. It is too early to estimate the increase in production as the furnace availability in general was less due to some of the furnaces remaining under repair. There was, therefore, no appreciable increase in production immediately. However, in comparison the production of 58, 123 tonnes of steel ingots in March, 1971, the production in April was 60,534 tonnes and the present rate of production for month of May is around 68,000 tonnes of steel ingots.

(h) The installed capacity of the Durgapur Steel Plant is 1.6 million tonnes of steel ingots. The ninth open hearth furnace is a part of the 1.6 million tonnes expansion stage.

(c) The production target for 1971-72 is 1.15 million tonnes of steel ingots. It is, however, too early to estimate what would be the gap between the installed capacity and the production of steel in 1971-72.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### Workers' Participation in Management of Public and Private Undertakings

\*103. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH :  
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :  
SHRI A. P. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR PUNARVAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the question of workers' participation in the management of both public and private sector undertakings ; and

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR & REHABILITATION (SHRAM AUR