

all the unanimous recommendations were more or less implemented. Some anomalies are being examined.

**SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Just now the Minister referred to certain anomalies which had cropped up in the course of the implementation of the wage board report. I would like to know specifically what machinery has been set up to go into these anomalies both on the port side and on the dock side, whether that machinery has started functioning and how many cases of these anomalies have been submitted for discussion and decision ?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** At the last meeting attended by the Minister for Transport and Shipping, myself, the officers concerned and the representatives of workers, the procedure for setting these anomalies was sorted out. The representatives were asked to form a committee. I think perhaps the hon. member is a member of that committee

**SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** The suggestion was made to set up a machinery. Has that machinery been set up ?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** If we accept their recommendations, well and good. But if some residue remains and if there is some ground uncovered by the committee, that will be examined. I would like hon. members to be a little more active on this front.

Setting up of Inter-departmental Committee for Steel Development Programme

\*167. **SHRI RAMKANWAR :**  
**SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :**

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

(a) whether an inter-Departmental Committee has been set up for preparing integrated long-term Steel development programme ;

(b) whether any guideline has been given to the Committee in preparing such a programme ; if so, the main features thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the Committee is expected to submit its report ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Task Force on Iron and Steel has recently been constituted by the Planning Commission to formulate proposals for the Steel Development Programme for the Fifth Plan, keeping in view the broad perspective of the iron and steel industry in relation to the likely levels of demand, capacity and production covering the Sixth and Seventh Plans

(c) The Task Force is scheduled to submit its Report by December, 1972.

श्री रामकंवर : अद्यत्न महोदय, यह जो पिछले कुछ ही दिनों में लोहे की कीमत 100 रुपये टन से भी ज्यादा बढ़ गई है तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहूँगा कि वह जो अन्तर्विभागीय समिति बनाई गई है वह समिति कोई ठोस कदम उठाने जा रही है ताकि लोहे की कीमत कम हो और छोटे प्राइवेट उद्योगों को तकलीफ कम हो ?

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** The work of the Task Force will not cover the question of steel prices but only the question of demand, capacity and production.

Visit of Officers of NMDC to Delhi from Hyderabad

\*168 **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether on various occasions, officers of National Mineral Development Corporation had to come to Delhi from Hyderabad ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the journeys performed by the various Officers every month since the Office was shifted to Hyderabad ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For attending meetings and holding discussions with various Ministries of the Government of India, like Ministry of Steel and Mines, Ministry of Finance, Planning