

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The loss sustained is as under :

During 1968	Nil.
in 1969	Rs. 8700/-
and in 1970	Rs. 6,70,139.50

(b) The loss could not be recovered. No steps were taken by the Government to recover the loss.

Retail Price of Steel

51. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the retail price of steel during 1969-70 and 1970-71 ; and

(b) the factors responsible for the increase or decrease in the retail steel price ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) There are no 'wholesale' or 'retail' prices for steel. The following table, however, shows the Joint Plant Committee and Hindustan Steel Limited stockyard base prices for some important categories of steel at the beginning and at the end of the financial year 1969-70. The latter prices still hold good.

TABLE

	(Rs. per tonne)			
	J. P. C. prices		H.S.L. stockyard prices	
	1-4-69	31-3-70	1-4-69	31-3-70
Bars and Rods (excluding flats) 14 mm and below	810	877	875	977
Joists	889	977	964	1117
Plates	989	1092	1064	1342
Billets	659	721	709	821
B. R. Coils (14G and thicker) (Tested)	999	1102	1099	1372
C. R. Sheets (14G and thinner) (Tested)	1324	1427	1424	1800
G.C./G.P. Sheets (Tested)	1804	1866	1954	2146
Skelp	1009	1112	1084	1242

(b) Joint Plant Committee prices were revised upwards by an average of Rs. 77.50 per tonne with effect from 1-1-70 mainly to compensate the producers for cost escalations. Hindustan Steel Limited stockyard prices include a stockyard margin over and above Joint Plant Committee prices to cover stockyard expenses. The stockyard margins were revised upwards from the midnight of 10th/11th December, 1969 due to increase in costs and to mop up the margins available in the market.

बेगूसराय संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में
मतदान बूथों पर कथित बलात्
कब्जा

52. श्री रामावतार साहू : क्या बिबि

तथा न्याय मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोक सभा के विगत मध्यावधि चुनाव के दौरान, बिहार के बेगूसराय संसदीय निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में चुनाव जीतने के लिए चौदले ने समाज विरोधी तत्वों और सशस्त्र अपराधियों की सहायता से अनेक मतदान बूथों पर बलात् कब्जा कर लिया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि स्थानीय अधिकारियों और पुलिस ने इस प्रकार की गतिविधियों का समर्थन किया था और उन्हें प्रोत्साहन दिया था ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मामले की