

have enough installed capacity but they are generating only 40, 50 or 60 megawatts as against 280 megawatts. So what is it that we can do? Santhal Deep and Bande are also schemes which are not generating enough power through the existing capacity and the additional capacity which has been sanctioned has also not been implemented. If they implement them and then want some more schemes, definitely we will not hesitate to sanction them.

**SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL:** Is it a fact that the previous Government has not at all implemented the ongoing plans and, as a consequence of that, the present Government is facing a serious crisis of electricity in West Bengal?

**SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN:** I do not know. Whatever it is, the previous Government have not implemented it. The present Government, I hope, will implement quickly all the schemes.

**Memorandum from Punjab Small Industries Association regarding Non-availability of Steel**

\*1040. **SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Federation of Punjab Small Industries Association regarding non-availability of steel at fixed price;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) steps being taken in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Federation has represented about the shortage of steel materials essentially at Ludhiana Stockyard and the sudden spurt in their prices as also against the functioning the Punjab State Small Industries Corporation.

It may, however, be mentioned that deliveries from Ludhiana Stockyard have been more during 1978-79 as compared with 1977-78 as would be evident from the table below:—

The position of delivery of materials from Ludhiana Stockyard during 1977-78 and 1978-79 is as follows:—

Sl.No.	Category	1977-78	1978-79
			m/t
1	Pig Iron*	21,682	*21,480
2	Re-rollables/Billets	6,257	9,283
3	Rounds	9,392	18,910
4	Torsteel	102	542
5	Wire rods	4,747	11,356
6	Lt. Structural	4,702	5,202
7	Med. Structural	1,749	1,263
8	Heavy Structural	96	375
9	GP/GC Sheets	1,464	222
10	Skelp	2,900	4,098

11	HR Sheets . . . . .	1,513	323
12	CR Sheets/CR Coils . . . . .	1,205	2,102
13	Plates 5-10 mm . . . . .	708	1,589
14	Plates 12 mm & above . . . . .	613	216
15	Tin plates . . . . .	135	..
16	Def. & Scarp . . . . .	1,042	2,022
	<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>58,307</b>	<b>68,986</b>

(\*In addition, seven rakes 1400 m/t approx. of pig iron have been supplied directly from plants to PSSIC Ludhiana for further distribution among consumers in and around Ludhiana during 1978-79).

The supplies in general are higher by 11.8 per cent during 1978-79 as compared to 1977-78.

The complaints about the functioning of Punjab State Small Industries Corporation have been brought to the personal notice of the Industries Minister, Punjab.

(c) Government have taken special steps to ensure that the steel requirements of the Small Scale Units in Punjab and in other States also are met to the maximum extent possible through their State Small Scale Industries Corporations. Supplies to these Corporations have been stepped up. As against 176.187 tonnes in 1977-78, supplies in 1978-79 have been about 333,000 tonnes (provisional) and are expected to be around half million tonnes in 1979-80.

**SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR:** What are the steps that you have taken to meet the complaints regarding steel shortage in Punjab?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** Sir, the steps have been taken to increase very substantially the supplies of steel to the Small Scale Industries Corporations in all the States of India. In answer to another question, I had mentioned that the supplies had been

trebled from the year 1975-76 when the supplies were only a hundred and odd thousand tonnes. In the current year, we are going to supply nearly half-a-million tonnes to the small scale industries Corporations of different States of India who in turn will supply them to the small scale industries at a subsidised price as determined by the Steel Authority of India. Only on 30th March, 1979, especially from Ludhiana, from their Associations, we have received two letters of great appreciation. One is from the Nuts and Bolts manufacturing Association, Ludhiana. There, they have stated "the Association would like to convey their heartfelt thanks for the co-operation extended to their members by your office for allotment of raw materials, etc." This is on 30th March 1979, from Ludhiana. Another one from the Cycle Manufacturers Association has stated "This policy of yours has been of immense help to us since it has enabled to distribute stocks on a wider base which have led too many smaller units to survive under the present crisis. Apart from this, I am not looking for a certificate. I am only pre-empting your next question. All I am saying just now is, at the moment, we have stopped all exports of bars and rods which are mostly required here. The prices have started coming down steeply. There has been reduction in the so-called market price to the present price by over Rs 300 per tonne, by this one action. We are also going to import large quantities of these materials. Very soon it will come down and I am afraid for one thing

that the market conditions may be that at the time we assumed office there was no sale of steel material, I hope that will not happen. But the prices have already come down steeply and this will be readily available to those who want to take it.

**SHRI M. N. GOVINDAN NAIR:** The question is that the Small Industries are grateful to you for what you have done to them. That is true. But what is their actual demand and what is it that you are able to give uptill now and according to your schemes. will you be able to meet their entire needs?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** I can assure the hon. Member and the House that I will be able to meet their actual needs. I have not the slightest doubt. But as the hon. Member knows, in the time of shortage, there are many bogus registration. We have found that. In every State Industries Corporation and in every State of this country, without fail, I say every State including Kerala, there are bogus registrations who take these quotas and sell them in the black-market. So far, we have black-listed under the Steel Control Order, nearly 300 such firms and I have had meetings with the Managing Directors of the Small Scale Industries Corporations. I have warned them that unless they take necessary steps to supervise or monitor we shall have to take necessary steps to curb their supplies. I hope the Small Scale Industries Corporation of different States will pay heed to my word.

**डा० बलदेव प्रकाश :** मंत्री महोदय ने अभी अभी यह बतलाया है कि उनको लुधियाना के कुछ इन्डस्ट्रियलिस्ट ने चिट्ठी लिखी है कि स्थिति बहुत संतोषजनक है और सरकार ने बहुत माल वहाँ पर सप्लाई किया है। मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानकारी लेना चाहता हूँ कि क्या उन के ध्यान में है कि पंजाब के स्माल स्केल सेक्टर के इन्डस्ट्रियलिस्ट ने इसी 7 तारीख को पंजाब बंद का आवाहन किया था और उस सिलसिले में पंजाब के उद्योग मंत्री

केन्द्रीय के इन्डस्ट्रीज मिनिस्टर के मिले थे और उन्होंने यह आश्वासन दिया था कि वे पंजाब के स्माल स्केल सेक्टर को बहुत जल्दी माल सप्लाई करने का प्रबन्ध करेंगे। इस आश्वासन से जो 7 तारीख को 'पंजाब बंद' इन्डस्ट्रियलिस्ट की तरफ से होना था, वह पोस्ट पोन कर दिया गया है फलहाल। मैं यह जान जानना चाहता हूँ कि पंजाब के उद्योग मंत्री को आश्वासन देने के बाद कौन सी फोरी कार्यवाही माल को वहाँ भजने के लिए की है और कौन सा कनसाइनमेंट इमीजिएटली वहाँ भेजा है, जिस से पंजाब बंद का सवाल ही भाने के लिए खत्म हो जाए?

**श्री बीजू पटनायक :** आप उद्योग मंत्री से मिलने की बात कर रहे हैं या स्टील मिनिस्टर से मिलने की बात कर रहे हैं?

**डा० बलदेव प्रकाश :** आप से ही मिल कर गये थे।

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** The Minister of Industry had a meeting with me recently and I suggested to him to get the proper requirements of the small scale industries actual requirements and intimate them to me. I have assured him that all the needs will be supplied because we are taking very special care under the policy of the Janata Government to supply all the needs to the actual users, especially the small scale industries, but actual users, not bogus ones.

**SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON:** I want to know from the hon. Minister whether small scale industrial units have been closed down in Jullundur, Ludhiana and many other places due to shortage of iron and steel material.

**डा० बलदेव प्रकाश :** मेरे साबल का जवाब नहीं आया। कौन सा कनसाइनमेंट भेजा जा रहा है?

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** I must have an indent. I cannot send a consignment to the Small Scale Corporation. I have told the Minister to have

list of actuals and then send it to me. I am awaiting his reply.

**SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON:** I want to know from the hon. Minister, whether many of the small scale units have been closed in Jullundur, Ludhiana, Phagwara and many other places due to shortage of iron and steel material. They have submitted a memorandum saying that supplies are not regulated. They will have to close all the units. A similar memorandum has also been submitted to the Punjab Government as well as the Minister of Industry.

**SHRI BIJU PATNAIK:** I do not know what is correct. I was reading out to the hon. Member Shri Nair a letter dated 30th March from the United Cycle Parts Manufacturers Association, Ludhiana. They say: "We have on the roll 700 manufacturers of cycle parts for steel forms and essential requirements. Your setps have helped our Association and its members to acquire steel at your rate and distribute the same to our members at a fairly reasonable price whereas it would be impossible for our members to survive if purchases were required to be made from the open market." We are dealing with the actual users. I am not interested in some group of traders demanding steel material from us, when there is a shortage—only for the purpose of black money. I will not permit that.

### मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रामीण बिद्युतीकरण

\*1042. श्री सुभाष 'मातृजा क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने कुछ योजनाओं के संबन्ध में ग्रामीण बिद्युतीकरण निगम की प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किए हैं ;

(ख) कि जिलों के सम्बन्ध में योजनायें प्रस्तुत की गई हैं; और

(ग) सरकार उन पर क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY**  
**SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN:** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

### Statement

(a) Rural Electrification Corporation provides financial assistance to the State Electricity Boards, Rural Electric Cooperative Societies and in the States where the State Electricity Boards do not exist, to the State Governments for technically feasible and financially viable rural electrification schemes. From its inception in 1969-70 to 31st March, 1979, the Corporation has approved 353 rural electrification schemes in Madhya Pradesh for total loan assistance of Rs. 119.01 crores. Besides, as on 31st March, 1979, 39 rural electrification schemes (including one rural electric cooperative project) involving a total loan outlay of Rs. 11.67 crores were either under examination with Corporation or referred back to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for revision.

(b) The names of the districts in respect of which the schemes are under examination with the Corporation or have been referred back to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board are as follows:

1. Guna, 2. Rajgarh, 3. Vidisha, 4. Chhatarpur, 5. Dhar, 6. Morena, 7. Tikamgarh, 8. Hosangabad, 9. Schore, 10. Betul, 11. Balaghat, 12. Chhindawara, 13. Jabalpur, 14. Sagar, 15. Damoh, 16. Panna, 17. Khargone, 18. Indore, 19. Gwalior, 20. Shivpuri, 12. Bilaspur, 22. Ratlam, 23. Datia, 24. Seoni, 25. Khandwa, 26. Rewa and 27. Narsinghpur.

(c) Of the 39 schemes pending sanction 47 schemes are under examination with the Corporation and 22 schemes have been referred back to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board and are pending with them for revision. These schemes will be considered by the Corporation for sanction if the same are found to be technically feasible and financially viable, subject to the availability of the required funds.