

upgrade the capacity of the plant to 10 million tonnes ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C.PANT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited is currently implementing an expansion programme for increasing the capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant from 1.7 million tonnes to 4.0 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. There is no proposal to expand the capacity of the Plant beyond the 4.0 million tonnes stage.

Production of fertilizers

552. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the target of production of fertilizers during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether this target was achieved and ;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) the annual target of production during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 was as follows :

	Target of production (in lakh tonnes.)	
	Nitrogenous Fertilizers (N)	Phosphatic Fertilizers (P)
1983-84 . . .	38.00	11.00
1984-85 . . .	37.5	11.25

(b) While the production of both the Nitrogenous and Phosphatic fertilizers was in excess of the annual target during the year 1984-85, the production during 1983-84 fell short of the annual target fixed for that year.

(c) Power cuts/restrictions and equipment problems were the major factors responsible for the shortfall as compared to the target for 1983-84.

Development of new varieties of foodgrains by ICAR

553. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed during the last five years any new varieties of paddy, wheat and other food-grains which provide more yield to the farmers in terms of quantity: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed during the last five years a number of varieties of various food crops viz. paddy, wheat, maize, sorghum, bajra, small millets and pulses which not only give more yield but are of short duration and improved nutritional value. Some of the most popular