

of the expenditure incurred on river dredging and river maintenance, execution at Government cost of Bhagi-rathi-Hooghly river training works and construction of Farakka Barrage to ensure adequate head-water supply. Besides, the incentive scheme for cargo handling workers has been liberalised, in consultation with the various labour unions, to improve labour productivity.

#### **Production in Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers**

1129. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the value of production in the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers has come down in 1978-79 as against 1976-77; if so, to what extent both in financial and physical terms;

(b) what are the reasons for poor performance; and

(c) what steps have been taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The value of production in 1978-79 was Rs. 34.97 crores as against Rs. 50.70 crores in 1976-77. It is not feasible to indicate the reduction in physical terms in view of the diversified product-mix of the Company.

(b) The shortfall in production was mainly on account of the 'go-slow' tactics resorted to by the workmen from August 1978, culminating in a continuous strike for a period of about four months from 22nd January 1979, as well as the general recession in the shipbuilding industry.

(c) Consequent on conclusion of a satisfactory wage settlement, the management, in cooperation with the 477 RS—3,

workmen, have adopted various measures both at the plant level and at the corporate level, to improve productivity. Simultaneously, measures such as reorganisation of the management structure and improved production planning control systems have been introduced.

#### **Central Inland Water Transport Corporation**

1130. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity utilisation of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has come down very much in 1978-79 as compared to that in 1976-77;

(b) if so; what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to utilise full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) It is not a fact that the capacity utilisation of CIWTC came down in 1978-79 as compared to that of 1976-77, as the Corporation carried 2,11,102 tonnes amounting to 80.2 million tonne kms of cargo during 1978-79 as compared to 1,78,213 tonnes amounting to 38.5 million tonne kms of cargo during 1976-77.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Ticketless Commuters**

1131. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the branch Railway line which runs from Amla to Parasia, the Railway passengers instead of purchasing tickets at the Railway booking office pay to the ticket checkers a little more than 50 per cent of the value of the ticket for the station they intend to go and the ticket checkers pocket the entire such money;