

### Heavy machine building complex in the Fifth Plan

\*280. SHRI G. R. PATIL :  
SHRI SAWAISINGH  
SISODIA :  
SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHADER :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any plans have been drawn up by Government to develop a heavy machine building complex in the country during the Fifth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes; and

(c) the estimated expenditure on the complex?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present assessment is that the proposed plant should have a capacity to manufacture approximately 20,000 tonnes of rolling mill and other equipment.

(c) NIDC has been commissioned to prepare a feasibility report for this project. This report will reflect the approximate expenditure likely to be incurred on this project.

### Agricultural Labour in the Country

\*281. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :  
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of Agricultural workers in the country during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : According to the 1971 Census, the total number of agricultural labourers was 47.5 million. The information for the years 1970 and 1972 is not available.

### कोयले का उत्पादन

\*282. श्री ओज्जस प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोयला खानों के राष्ट्रीयकरण के बाद से कोयले के उत्पादन में गिरावट आई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और -

(ग) कोयला खानों के राष्ट्रीयकरण से तुरन्त पूर्व और बाद कोयले के उत्पादन से संबंधित आंकड़ों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

### †[Production of Coal

\*282. SHRI O. P. TYAGI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Coal has declined since the nationalisation of Coal Mines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the details of the figures relating to the production of Coal immediately before and after the nationalisation of Coal Mines?]

भारी उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री टी० ए० पै) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जनवरी 1973 में प्रबंध ग्रहण के बाद कोयले के कुल उत्पादन के माहवार आंकड़े तथा 1972 के इन्हीं महीनों में कोयला उत्पादन के आंकड़े नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

(मिलियन टनों में)

	कोयला उत्पादन	
	1973	1972
फरवरी	6.63	5.93
मार्च	6.69	6.31
अप्रैल	6.36	6.20

[ ] English translation.

(मिलियन टनों में)

		कोयला उत्पादन	
		1973	1972
मई	.	6.49	6.24
जून	.	6.30	6.13
जुलाई	.	6.35	6.13
अगस्त	.	6.38	6.15
सितम्बर	.	6.11	6.21
अक्टूबर	.	5.52	6.17
		56.83	55.47

†[THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Dose not arise.

(c) The figures regarding total production of coal, month-wise after the take over in January 73 and the production of coal in the corresponding months of 1972, are given below :

(In million Tonnes)

		Production of Coal	
		1973	1972
February	.	6.63	5.93
March	.	6.69	6.31
April	.	6.36	6.20
May	.	6.49	6.24
June	.	6.30	6.13
July	.	6.35	6.13
August	.	6.38	6.15
September	.	6.11	6.21
October	.	5.52	6.17
		56.83	55.47]

#### Countries Hailing and Assailing the Indo-Pakistan Agreement

\*283. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

†[ ] English translation.

(a) the names of the countries which have hailed the Indo-Pakistan agreement signed on August 28, 1973; and

(b) the names of the countries which have assailed the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Agreement of 28th August, 1973 has been widely welcomed and no country is known to have come out against it.

#### Steel Projects in South India

\*284. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) Whether Government have decided to set up Vijayanagar steel project during the Fifth Plan period;

(b) whether it is a fact that the three steel projects in the South are not scheduled to go into the production in the next four years;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to raise the output of steel;

(d) whether Government have decided to sanction expansion of the existing steel plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) Work on the Vijayanagar Steel Project is to be continued during the Fifth Plan period.

(b) Vijayanagar and Visakhapatnam Steel Projects are not scheduled to go into production in the next four years. However, the first phase of the Salem Steel Project which envisages production of 30,000 to 35,000 tonnes of cold rolled stainless steel sheets and strips from imported hot rolled materials, is expected to go into production towards the end of the Fifth Plan.