

include raising the production of edible oilseeds, including that of non-traditional oilseeds like soyabean and sunflower, encouraging the extraction of oil from minor oilseeds and cotton seed, and arranging imports of oilseeds and oils to the extent feasible.

*422. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of SUPPLY/पूर्ति मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether any contract was entered into between Government and the jute mills for the supply of B Twill gunny bags; if so, for how much quantity mill-wise;

(b) what were terms of the contract and the quantity supplied by the mills during the months of January, 1970 to March 1971; and

(c) the details of the outstanding deliveries against the mills (mill-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY/
पूर्ति मंत्री (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN):

(a) to (c) Contracts were placed for the supply of 3,75,470 bales of B Twill bags during the period January, 1970 to March, 1971 at a provisional price of Rs. 200 per 100 bags with excise duty and sales tax extra subject to adjustment on the basis of the fair selling price to be fixed by the Government on the recommendations of the Tariff Commission.

A statement (see Appendix LXXVI, Annexure No. 54) showing the mill-wise placement of orders, quantities supplied by them and those outstanding with them on 4-6-71 is placed on the Table of the House.

SCHEMES TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL STEEL

*423. SHRI SUNDARMANI
PATEL :

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a new scheme of procedure in

consultation with the Steel Priority Committee to procure steel to meet the growing demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the new scheme or procedure is likely to improve the position regarding steel shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM): (a) to (c) No new scheme/procedure has been formulated in consultation with the Steel Priority Committee.

Government have, however, set up a Billet-Re-rollers' Committee for the purpose of regulating the production and distribution of materials rolled by billet re-rollers. Copies of the relevant notifications outlining the salient features have been given earlier to the House.

The operation of the Billet Re-rollers' Committee does not add to steel availability in the country, but increases the proportion available for regulated distribution to priority sectors at regulated prices.

DISTRIBUTION OF STEEL TO INDUSTRIAL UNITS

*424. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dissatisfaction among the industrial units regarding the distribution of steel:

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

(c) what measures Government propose to take to remove the causes of dissatisfaction?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMAN-GALAM): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.