

the Foundry Forge Plant is still to be completed. The present capacities of the plants and the actual production during 1970-71 are as under :—

Plant	Present-capacity	Production in 1970-71
Foundry Forge Plant	133,460 tonnes	39001.57
Heavy Machine Building Plant	105,000 tonnes	22966.1
Heavy Machine Tools Plant	278 units	28 units.

Build-up of production in a complex like that of Heavy Engineering Corporation is inevitably a slow process and depends on a number of factors such as development of adequate skills to master technological problems, efficient managerial control and harmonious industrial relations.

A number of steps have been and are being taken over a wide front to improve planning and production control, instal objective oriented programmes, improve the efficiency of management and the productivity of workers. As a result of these measures, the performance of Heavy Engineering Corporation is expected to improve significantly over the next two years.]

DIFFICULTIES FACED BY SUGAR IN'DLSTRY

951. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :
SHRI DEVDATT KUMAR
KIK. ABHAI PATEL : SHRI MAN
SINGH VERMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the advertisement issued in the newspapers by the South Indian Sugar Mills Association about the difficulties faced by the sugar industry;

(b) if so, whether it is losing Rs. 11 per bag of sugar;

(c) whether it is also a fact, Government's release order of sugar are not equitable as alleged in the advertisement; and

(d) the circumstances under which Government have not acted on the

recommendation of the Sugar Enquiry Commission and Tariff Commission to build up a buffer stock of sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/
कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No date have been furnished to assess the alleged loss. Further, controls on price, distribution and movement of sugar have been removed with effect from the 25th of May, 1971.

(c) There has been some disparity in proportion of stocks to production of sugar with factories in various zones mainly due to non lifting of levy sugar quotas in full by the State Governments or their nominees and due to releases of sugar for export. Government have tried to reduce disparity as much as possible by linking releases of sugar for sale to stocks instead of production and also by giving additional releases to factories having larger proportion of stocks.

(d) Government have since removed controls on price, distribution and movement of sugar, but will continue to regulate releases of sugar for sale by factories. By a process of judicious releases it will be ensured that adequate stock of sugar is available with factories to meet future contingencies.

कम्पनियों का बन्द किया जाना

952. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार ने ऐसी कम्पनियों की सूची तैयार की है जिन्होंने गलत बहाने

बनाकर अपना कारोबार बन्द कर दिया है, यदि हाँ, तो उनकी संख्या क्या है; और (ख) उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

CLOSING DOWN OF COMPANIES

952. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम पुनर्वासि मंत्री** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of such companies which have closed down their business on false pretext; if so, what is their number; and

(b) what action has been taken against them ?]

श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बालगोविन्द वर्मा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :** (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

• कारखानों का बन्द किया जाना

593. श्री सूरजप्रसाद : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में गत दो वर्षों में कितनी कम्पनियाँ या कारखाने बन्द हुए हैं; और उन में से अभी तक कितने बन्द पड़े हैं; और

(ख) इन कम्पनियों और कारखानों के बन्द होने के कारण कितने लोग बेकार हो गये हैं ?

f [CLOSURE OF FACTORIES

953. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of companies or factories closed down during the last two years in the country and the number of those which are still closed: and

(b) the number of persons rendered unemployed on account of closing down of these companies and factories?]

श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बालगोविन्द वर्मा) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होने पर सदन की मेज पर रख दी जायगी ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :** (a) and (b) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House after it is received.]

COAL MINES BONUS SCHEME

954. SHRI MONORANIAN ROY :
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ *m afk Wffa j/H/ be pleased to state •

(a) whether Government have considered over the question of discontinuance of the minimum attendance qualification for payment of bonus under the Coal Mines Bonus Scheme :

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the decision is likely to be taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) :** (a) to (c) The matter is still under consideration.

SETTING UP OF A PIT SAFETY COMMITTEE

955. SHRI MONORANIAN ROY :
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ **श्रम और पुनर्वासि** *ra)- be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Pit Safety Committee;

(b) if so, whether workers representatives will be taken in such Committee; and

(c) the functions of the Committee ?

† [] English translation.