

**SUPPLY OF IRON AND STEEL GOODS TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES**

**\*565. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON:**

**DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:**

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

(a) whether Government will consider to supply iron and steel goods for the small-scale industries in Kerala on a controlled price;

(b) whether Government have received any memorandum from the small scale industrialists with regard to this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the decision is likely to be taken?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :**

(a) All items of iron and steel are sold by the main producers throughout the country, including the State of Kerala, at uniform prices fixed by the Joint Plant Committee. Small quantities of steel materials—less than a wagon load—are distributed at regulated uniform prices throughout the stockyards of the main producer, spread over the country. In Kerala there is a stockyard each of Hindustan Steel Ltd. and TISCO at Cochin, which cater to the requirements of the actual consumers in Small Scale Sector in that State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**PAYMENT OF WAGES BY NEW DIMAGORIA COAL COMPANY, SULANPUR, WEST BENGAL**

**\*566. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL:**

**SHRI NIREN GHOSH:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of New Dimagoria Coal Company, Sulanpur District in West Bengal is refusing to pay the wages of the workers for the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to insist upon the management to pay the due wages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR):**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**STRIKE IN BHURKUNDA COLLIERY OF N.C.D.C.**

**\*567. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: SHRI SALIL KUMAR GANGULY:**

**SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal miners of NCDC's Bhurkunda Colliery in Hazaribagh District, Bihar went on a strike recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any measures have been taken to meet their demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) :**

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Section of the workers were on strike without prior notice from 15th to 18th March, 1971.

(c) to (e) After the strike had commenced, a demand was presented by the union of the striking workmen for immediate supply of miner's boots. After discussions between the representatives of the workers and the local management, it was agreed that as miner's boots of the prescribed type were not being manufactured presently, 'Huntertype' canvas boots might be supplied to them for the present.

**\*568. [Transferred to the 16th June, 1971.]**

**LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE NATIONAL COAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**\*569. SHRI G. R. PATIL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Coal Development Corporation has suffered a loss during 1970-71 while it earned profits of more than a crore in the preceding year;

(b) and whether the production in this Corporation has also gone down;

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

(d) what measures Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) :**

(a) The accounts for the year 1970-71 have not yet been finalised. The provisional estimates indicate a loss of about Rs. 42 lakhs in 1970-71 as against the profit of Rs. 100-12 lakhs in 1969-70.

(b) The production of the National Coal Development Corporation has not declined in 1970-71.

(c) and (d) The performance of N.C.D.C. during the year 1970-71 which was an unfavourable year for the coal industry has been fairly satisfactory. The main reasons for the likely loss in 1970-71 are:

(i) increase in cost due to increase in variable dearness allowance and power tariff and higher cost of machinery and equipment without corresponding increase in the selling price of coal;

(ii) unsatisfactory transport position; and

(iii) inadequate demand for coal in the first half of the year.

The Corporation has been endeavouring to reduce costs (a) by increasing the production and thereby improving the utilisation of installed capacity and investment and (b) by quarterly and monthly detailed cost analysis for each colliery.

The Government of India is making every effort to improve the wagon supply to the collieries in the eastern sector by improving the law and order situation in consultation with the State Governments concerned.

#### WORKING HOURS FOR MINE WORKERS

\*570. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:  
SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Expert Committee to go into ques-

tion of working hours for Mine workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has submitted any report and if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) by when the report is going to be submitted?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) :**

(a) and (b) A committee consisting of nine members, with the Deputy Director General of Mines Safety as its Chairman, has been set up to carry out investigations into the occurrence of fatigue amongst mine workers. On the basis of its investigations, the Committee is to make such recommendations as may be appropriate, including recommendations as to working hours.

(c) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(d) and (e) Investigations are yet to be completed in a number of mines. The report may be submitted in 1973.

#### राष्ट्रीय सामुदायिक विकास संस्थान

\* 571. श्री राम सहाय : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) राष्ट्रीय सामुदायिक विकास संस्थान द्वारा 1969-70 और 1970-71 के वर्षों में क्या-क्या कार्य किये गये ; और

(ख) क्या 1968-69 में आरम्भ की गई अनुसन्धान योजनाओं के बारे में और प्रगति हुई है, और यदि हा, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

†[NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

571. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the activities of the National Institute of Community Development during the years 1969-70 and 1970-71; and

†[ ] English translation.