

| Recommendations | Reaction of the Government |
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| 2. The original plan provision of Rs. 32 crores for Agricultural Universities project needs to be restored. The two crores earmarked for each University should be minimum and not the maximum. | Government of India is anxious to give maximum support to the Universities depending upon availability of adequate plan resources for the country. |
| 3. There should be no rigidity of a ceiling item-wise within the allotment made to the University. | This suggestion has been accepted. |
| 4. ICAR may be converted into a statutory body. | The matter is being pursued by the Government of India |
| 5. The Five Year Plan ceiling for each agricultural university should be indicated on a firm basis. Approved plans may be basis for the operational programmes. | The Universities have been requested to prepare a developmental plan for whole of the 4th Plan. This will be discussed and general approval given. The visiting teams will be subsequently paying visits to the University and making recommendations for periodical release of funds. |
| 6. Association recommended some change in research policy of ICAR. | This involves drastic change of policy, The matter needs further examination.] |

MILK COLLECTING CENTRES OPERATING IN HARYANA

*131. SHRI SULTAN SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where the milk-collecting Centres of Delhi Milk Scheme are operating in Haryana;

(b) how much milk is being collected daily at each of these Centres;

(c) the price paid to the milk producers; and

(d) the names of Centres where milk is not being collected to the expected capacity, together the reasons therefor, and the steps that are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. [See Appendix XXVI, Annexure No. 9]

CAPACITY UTILISATION OF THREE HINDUSTAN STEEL PLANTS

*132. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that capacity utilisation of the three H. S. L. plants is lower than the private sector plants, and among them that of Durgapur is the lowest ;

(b) what are the details in this regard for the last five years; and

(c) what steps are being taken to attain full utilisation of capacity?

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

STATEMENT

(a) Of the 3 public sector steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur and two private sector steel plants of TISCO and IISCO, the utilisation of installed capacity during 1970-71 in terms of steel ingot was higher in Bhilai Steel Plant than that in IISCO.

it was the lowest at Durgapur Steel Plant.

(b) The following table indicates actual production of steel ingots during the years 1966-67 to 1970-71 as against rated capacity :

(in '000 tonnes)

| | 1966-67 | 1967-68 | 1968-69 | 1969-70 | 1970-71 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Bhilai Steel Plant</i> | | | | | |
| Rated capacity | 2154 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |
| Actual production | 1852 | 1785 | 1735 | 1859 | 1940 |
| <i>Durgapur Steel Plant</i> | | | | | |
| Rated capacity | 1016 | 1016 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 |
| Actual production | 754 | 738 | 823 | 818 | 634 |
| <i>Rourkela Steel Plant</i> | | | | | |
| Rated capacity | 1000 | 1400 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Actual production | 943 | 924 | 1162 | 1104 | 1038 |
| <i>TISCO</i> | | | | | |
| Rated capacity | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Actual production | 2001 | 1933 | 1816 | 1708 | 1715 |
| <i>IISCO</i> | | | | | |
| Rated capacity | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| Actual production | 897 | 791 | 777 | 700 | 627 |

(c) Within the limitations imposed by the industrial relations situations, particularly at Durgapur Steel Plant, the Management of Hindustan Steel Ltd. are making all possible efforts to raise production to rated capacity levels as rapidly as possible. These include speeding up of major capital programmes required in order to

correct existing imbalances in production facilities; organisation of maintenance programmes aimed at enhancement of equipment availability; procurement of essential spares, refractories, locos and other raw materials; introduction of technological improvements etc.