

F.A.O. Experts

574. { Shri B. K. Das:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state (a) whether it is a fact that seven experts of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations have come to help Indian Government in carrying out various projects regarding applied nutrition programme, fisheries development and other allied subjects; and

(b) if so, how far their expert advice has been made use of in actual practice?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah-nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Honourable Member is perhaps referring to the seven FAO Officers who visited India in June, 1964. If so, a statement containing the names of these experts, the purpose for which they came and action taken on their advice is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Dr. P. V. Sukhatme, Director of the Statistical Division of the FAO, Rome who came to India on a short visit in May, 1964 intimated that it may be possible for India to get data-processing equipment of Soviet manufacture costing about one million dollars under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance if an approach, in this regard, is made to the United Technical Assistance Board. An out-line scheme was accordingly prepared and submitted to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board.

Dr. K. K. P. N. Rao of F.A.O.'s Nutrition Division discussed problems relating to food consumption and Applied Nutrition. The discussions were of a general nature. As suggested by him two Indian technical officers will be deputed to Manila to participate in the Seminar on Food Consumption Surveys which is being convened by

the FAO from September 21 to November 20, 1964.

Dr. G. N. Subba Rao, FAO Regional Fisheries Officer came to India to discuss plans for fisheries development under the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Dr. R. Ambroggi, FAO Hydrologist, and Mr. L. B. Auden, FAO Geologist visited India in connection with the preparation of 'Groundwater Project' for submission to the U.N. Special Fund. The Project has since been submitted to U.N. Special Fund for consideration.

Mr. L. Huguet, an officer from FAO's Forestry Division and Mr. S. I. Sjostedt, a Swedish Forester came to India to finalise the work outline and other details of U.N. Special Fund logging Centre project. Mr. Huguet has since returned to Rome and Mr. Sjostedt has taken over as manager of the Project.

Child Welfare

575. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether some voluntary organisation engaged in Child Welfare has prepared a draft policy scheme for children welfare; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme.

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Security (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) The Government of India have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Research Institute

576. Shri E. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state: