

wealth with a view to create employment opportunities to fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to start training centres for the fishermen to operate trawlers for deep-sea fishing and also to provide financial help to them in purchasing modern fishing boats; and

(d) the effective steps taken to prevent foreign fishing boats from intruding into the Indian territorial waters?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) and (b). Proposal for construction of fishery harbour at Paradip on East coast at an estimated cost of Rs. 28.34 crore was sanctioned in February, 1990. Government have also taken a decision in principle to develop two more fishery harbours on the West coast.

(c) The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical Engineering and Training under the Ministry of Agriculture with its headquarters at Cochin and through its Units at Madras and Visakhapatnam conducts regular courses for training in adequate number of Deck and Engine Room Officers required for operation of deep sea fishing vessels. The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India (SCICI) provides credit facilities for purchase of deep sea fishing vessels at concessional rate of interest. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development provides refinancing facilities also for purchase of deep sea fishing vessels funded by scheduled commercial banks.

(d) The Coast Guard is empowered to take strict measures against foreign fishing vessels found poaching in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone under the Maritime Zones of India (MZI) Act 1981.

### **Poultry Feed for Broiler Chicken**

5579. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Malori' bus plant with botanical name 'Rumex Hastatus' is good as a poultry feed for broiler chicken;

(b) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has examined the possibilities of undertaking research on this plant at Solan (Himachal Pradesh);

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to popularise this feed in the country?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) Sir. The attention of the Government has been drawn to a report filed by a correspondent of Mandi (HP) regarding the utility of the 'Malori' plant as a poultry feed.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Question does not arise.

### **Security for Areas Close to International Border**

5580. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete plans of civil defence for the safety of civilian population residing in the areas close to International borders;

(b) whether any measures have been introduced for the positive involvement of the residents of the border areas and take them into confidence in this respect; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not,