

Gosadans

*914. **Shri Mahodaya:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 58 asked on the 24th August, 1954 regarding *Gosadans* and state:

(a) the reasons for the slow progress of the *Gosadans* Scheme; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Lack of funds with the State Governments and difficulty in allocating suitable lands for starting *Gosadans*.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 7.]

Shri Mahodaya: May I know how many *Gosadans* are there in the country and how many animals are there in each?

Shri Kidwai: We are started some *Gosadans*—five or six. I do not know how many animals have reached there till today.

Shri Mahodaya: May I know who maintains these *Gosadans*?

Shri Kidwai: The State Governments.

DEEP-SEA FISHING IN WEST BENGAL

*915. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been made and any financial assistance has been sought by the Government of West Bengal for the development of deep-sea fishing in the coastal areas of the State;

(b) if so, what are the proposals; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) For undertaking trawling operations and transport of fish.

(c) Loans amounting to Rs. 12,60,000 were sanctioned for operating Danish trawlers.

Under the T. C. M. Fisheries Programme, three Japanese Bull-trawlers, two insulated Road Vans and twenty insulated Containers are being provided to the Government of West Bengal, at a cost of approximately \$3,77,370. Japanese technicians are also being recruited for operating the trawlers and for training local fishermen for one year at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the deep-sea fishing carried on near the coastal areas of West Bengal is connected with any central organisation?

Shri Kidwai: I have not been able to appreciate the question.

Mr. Speaker: The question is, whether the arrangements on the West Bengal coast-line are connected with any central organisation?

Shri Kidwai: No. It is being operated by the West Bengal Government.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the heavy loss suffered by the deep-sea fishing organisation of the Government of West Bengal has been shared by the Government of India also?

Shri Kidwai: No, except the aid that has been given on loan.

Shri Meghnad Saha: May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that according to experts, no fish or very few fish can be found in the deep sea?

Shri Kidwai: I will have to accept the opinion of the experts, but I am afraid experts will be differing among one another, in their opinion, from day to day.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the fact that deep-sea fishing in West Bengal has been in force for the last four years, has the Central Government, before sanctioning any money, gone into the question