

though Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) and Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs) in the country during the last three years. Some of the main factors contributing to the progress in development of aquaculture are relative availability of natural resources, fish seed supply, demand for fish which vary from State to State, besides technology transfer and export demand.

(c) Information is provided in the Statement.

(d) An amount of Rs.92.7 crores has been earmarked for development of aquaculture in country during the Eighth Plan period (1992-97).

(e) Under the schemes of development of aquaculture 375 Fish Farmers' Development Agencies and 34 brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies have been sanctioned in the country including Goa. Subsidy is provided for construction of new ponds, renovation/reclamation of ponds and tanks, inputs in the first year, running water fish culture, integrated fish farming, establishment of hatcheries for freshwater prawn and fin fish. Subsidy is also provided for development of shrimp farms, construction of shrimp seed hatcheries, etc., for development of shrimp farming in the country. Both these schemes have been sanctioned for Goa also.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Andhra Pradesh	180.01
Arunachal Pradesh	10.00
Assam	33.00
Bihar	106.00
Goa	55.65

<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Gujarat	68.46
Haryana	80.85
Himachal Pradesh	4.00
Jammu & Kashmir	6.00
Karnataka	43.53
Kerala	109.14
Maharashtra	25.90
Manipur	17.19
Madhya Pradesh	167.31
Mizoram	7.00
Meghalaya	2.00
Nagaland	6.00
Orissa	328.25
Punjab	69.00
Rajasthan	27.00
Sikkim	3.00
Tamil Nadu	147.06
Tripura	24.00
Uttar Pradesh	414.00
West Bengal	559.45
Pondicherry	6.00

Effect of River Pollution on Fisheries

*538. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the vast network of fisheries in the rivers and rivulets is being affected by growing river pollution; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop further increase of river pollution and to protect river fisheries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Riverine fisheries has been affected by pollution from municipal, agricultural and industrial effluents, besides siltation from the catchment.

(b) The Central and State Pollution Control Boards, Ganga Project Directorate in Ministry of Environment & Forests and various other agencies have been established for implementing restoration programme for pollution abatement in various river systems.

[Translation]

Agricultural Production

*539. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural production in the country is quite less in comparison to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to import technical know-how of developed countries so as to bring India at par with other developing countries in the field of agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). Total agricultural production in India is less compared only to China. This is mainly on account of higher productivity in China which is due to larger area under irrigation, higher consumption of fertilisers and better varieties

of seeds.

(c) and (d). The existing technical know-how in India is generally adequate for raising agricultural productivity. However, import of technical knowhow in the area of post harvest handling and processing of fruits and vegetables for boosting of exports is considered necessary. The Government has taken several policy initiatives to promote import of technical knowhow - the latest being comprehensive amendments to the Export-Import Policy announced on 31.3.1993.

[English]

Grants to Central Universities

*540. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the non-plan grant for the Univeristy Grants Commission has been steadily declining during the last three years;

(b) the total non-plan grant to the Central Univeristies and other universities separately during the each of last three years, and that projected for 1993-94;

(c) the total plan grant for UGC during each of the last three years, and that projected for 1993-94; and

(d) the amounts allocated to the Central Universities and other universities separately during the period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by UGC, the Non-Plan grants of the Commission have shown steady increase over the years (statement I is attached).

(b) Statement II is attached.

(c) Statement III is attached.