

**Backlog of Reserved Posts**

2391. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of reserved posts for scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Candidates, category wise as on January 1.1991 in his ministry;

(b) the progress made in filling up of these reserved posts during the last three months; and

(c) the time by which the remaining reserved posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ( SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN ) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Development of Brackishwater fish farming in Orissa**

2392. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for developing the brackishwater fish farming in Orissa;

(b) if so, the assistance sought by the Government of Orissa and the assistance given by the Union Government during the current year for this purpose;

(c) the proposals submitted by the Government of Orissa to the Union Government for developing brackishwater fish farming in that State during the Eighth Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the

action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ( SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Orissa has a potential of about 80,000 ha. of brackishwater area for fish /shrimp farming.

(b) The Government of Orissa sought a sum of Rs. 60 lakh as Central grant in aid during 1991-92 and the entire amount sought for has already been released.

(c) and (d) The proposals for development of brackishwater fish farming in Orissa during the 8th Five Year Plan include:

- i) development of 1000 ha. brackishwater ponds through the 4 Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies, involving a total outlay of Rs. 4.00 crore;
- ii) Construction of prawn seed hatchery at Chandrabhaga at a cost of Rs. 2.00 crore;
- iii) construction of demonstration semi intensive prawn farms at Keshpure, Sonapure and Paradeep at an Outlay of Rs. 0.20 crore; and
- iv) implementation of a World Bank assisted shrimp culture project for development of shrimp farming in about 870 ha. area involving an outlay of Rs. 55.67 crore.

The working group of Fisheries in the Planning Commission has approved in principle the 8th Plan proposals for brackishwater prawn farming in Orissa, in its meeting held on 2.12.1991. The World Bank assisted shrimp culture project was negotiated with World Bank on 25-27, November 1991.