

Development of Co-operatives

85. { Shri B. K. Das:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Dr. P. Mandal:

Will the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) which States have not been able to utilise the sum allotted to them for the development of co-operatives during the Second Plan period;

(b) whether the unspent balances have been carried over in their favour for the Third Plan period; and

(c) what steps have been taken to remedy their weakness?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Except Madras and the Union Territory of Manipur, the other States have not been able to utilise the entire assistance allocated to them for schemes of co-operative development during the Second Plan period. The shortfall has mainly been in expenditure on departmental staff.

(b) No. The unspent balances in a year are adjusted against the allotments during the subsequent year.

(c) In the early years of the Second Plan the progress with regard to utilization of funds was not even as the administrative machinery had not been fully geared up. The entire complement of staff was also not in position. Some of the States were also affected by reorganisation. These were set right in the later years of the plan period. Procedures were streamlined and funds were released through ways and means advances. The position accordingly improved during the later period of the Second Plan period. States are also being constantly urged to regulate the flow of expenditure evenly throughout the year. The position is also reviewed when officers of the Ministry visit the

State governments. It is expected that as a result of all these measures the progress will be more satisfactory.

Fishing Harbour at Vishinjam

86. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
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Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the fishing harbour at Vishinjam near Trivandrum had commenced in September, 1962;

(b) if so, when it is scheduled to be completed; and

(c) how far the country's fish output per annum is expected to rise as a result of its completion?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) The project for the construction of a fishing harbour at Vizhinjom was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Food and Agriculture on the 12th September, 1962. The construction of the approach road is in progress. No other work has been started.

(b) The probable date by which the entire Project will be completed cannot be stated at present. The first stage works are expected to be completed within a period of five years.

(c) When the fishing harbour at Vizhinjom is completed, it is estimated to result in an annual fish catch of about 4,300 tons.

Working Group on Co-operatives

87. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 451 on the 20th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the working Group on Co-operatives under Railways and Posts and Telegraphs etc. has since been formed;