

twin objective of price policy *viz.*, protecting the interest of the producer and the consumer, efforts are being made to reduce the quantum of subsidy on foodgrains.

Land Required for Paradip Port

2337. SHRI DEVENDRA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated requirement of land for the Paradip Port and its expansion schemes ;

(b) whether the Paradip Port Trust Board has made this assessment ; and

(c) how much out of that requirement has since been given by the government of Orissa to Paradip Port Trust and by which date the required land will be made available ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :
(a) 2591 hectares (about 6,400 acres).

(a) The assessment was made by the Sub-Committee of the Paradip Area development Advisory Committee which included the Chairman of the Paradip Port Trust.

(c) The Government of Orissa have since agreed to the transfer of 2391 hectares of land to the Paradip Port Trust, inclusive of 597 hectares of private land already acquired. The remaining 200 hectares of land will be given by the State Government after the receipt of formal proposals from the Port Trust.

Sea-Fish Catching Project at Kirtania Balasore, Orissa

2338. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any sea fish catching project in Kirtania in Balasore District of Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The Government of Orissa have established a marine fishing centre at Kirtania in Balasore District of Orissa to fish near Subarnarekha mouth and the nearby areas in the Bay of Bengal by means of 10 Departmental mechanised fishing boats using gill-nets. The trained fisherman are also encouraged to operate the Departmental fishing boats on share basis to alleviate their unemployment. The base has been operating only on an experimental basis.

There is proposal to establish a fishing project at Kirtania through the fishermen's cooperative societies by obtaining financial assistance from the Agricultural Refinance Corporation. The scheme envisages introduction of about 50 mechanised boats (gill-nets) over a period of three years. The Apex Society will own the boats and the members of the primary societies affiliated to the Apex Society will operate them. The estimated cost of the scheme is about Rs. 20.56 lacs.

Election of Pharmacy Council Delhi State

2339 SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the election of the Pharmacy Council Delhi State was held in the month of June, 1971

(b) whether the nomination and notification of the same has yet not been made despite the approaches being made by the General Secretary, National Federation of Pharmacists associations ; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration of Delhi Administration and is to be finalised shortly.