

ample. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Daman and Diu and Delhi. Both Urdu teachers and books for teaching Urdu are also available in these schools.

(c) Government's policy is to promote all languages including Urdu.

(d) The Government have taken several steps to promote Urdu through such organisations as Taraqi-e-Urdu Board, National Book Trust, Sahitya Akademi. Assistance is also being rendered to the voluntary Urdu organisations. Urdu teachers are also being trained in Regional Training Centres established at Solan and Patiala by the Government of India.

Development of fishing harbour

1852. SHRI B. K. NAIR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the fishing harbours in the country are inadequate to meet the demands of the fishing industry in the country;

(b) if so, steps taken to develop the fishing harbours in the country;

(c) whether the world Bank assistance has been taken for it and if so, to what extent; and

(d) the projects in Kerala included to the World Bank assistances?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sanctions have been issued for construction of fishing harbours at fifteen sites besides provision of landing and berthing facilities in about 70 fishing centres.

(c) The World Bank has approved the fishing harbours at Veraval and Mangrol at a total cost of Rs. 12.60 crores.

(d) While Neendakara fishing harbour will be considered under a National plan, the proposal for a fishing harbour at Vizhinjam is being referred to the World Bank.

Soil erosion caused by Ram Ganga river

1853. SHRI MAHI LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government had conducted a survey for protecting Muradabad City from soil erosion caused by Ram Ganga river in Muradabad district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b). The State Government has informed that a scheme costing Rs. 30 lakhs was prepared for protection of Muradabad town from erosion by the Ramganga River. This scheme was considered by the Chief Engineers Committee in its meeting held in April, 1974 who opined that because of the storage created by the construction of the dam on Ram Ganga River at Kalagarh, the flood intensity of the river at Muradabad was expected to be much reduced during flood season.

Hostels for working men and Women

1854. SHRI BALDEV SINGH JASROTHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many hostels are there in the country, State-wise for providing