

with the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, the overall capacity utilisation of the solvent extraction units in the past 3 years has been as under :

Year	Per cent capacity utilization
1982	51.4
1983	46.0
1984	57.0

It may be seen that the capacity utilisation has improved in 1984, although there was some decline in this regard in 1983.

**Meeting of the Indo-American Joint Committee on Films and Broadcasting**

867. **SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the eighth meeting of the Indo-American Joint Committee on Films and Broadcasting was held in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL)**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following important decisions were taken in the Joint Meeting on Films and Broadcasting :—

(i) Exhibition of American video productions in selected places in India later this year. The video exhibition will display types of uses to which video is being increasingly put not only in Television, children's programme etc. but also for medical, management and other educational uses.

(ii) Exhibition of Indian films during the Festival of India to be held in America. Films will be shown in 12 different cities over 12 months period.

(iii) Possibility of direct satellite telecast of the inaugural function of Festival of India.

(iv) The National Film Development Corporation has entered into co-production agreement for two documentaries to be produced for the Festival of India. The first is a television series entitled: "Asia : State Centre", consisting of three segments. The Second is a documentary film being produced by the Metropolitan Museum of Art on its exhibition 'India'.

(v) National Public Radio of the United States would broadcast a 5 point series entitled 'Karnatak Music Traditior' during the Festival of India.

(vi) Doordarshan will make selection of plays out of the American Playhouse programmes.

(vii) The Indian side will depute a producer to United States to study the production of science programmes, for radio and TV broadcasts.

(viii) Co-production in the field of Radio will continue between India and America.

**Mariculture practice to increase Fish and Prawn Production**

868. **SHRI K. PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to bring most potential areas of the maritime States in the country under the mariculture practice to increase prawn and fish production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas to be brought under mariculture practice in Orissa; and

(d) when the work is likely to start ?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of 1500 hectares for brackish-water fish/prawn farming in the country on area development basis is in operation since 1982. Under the Scheme, one half to one hectare of the developed ponds is

envisaged to be allotted to each fisherman family for culture of fish and prawn.

(c) An area of 448 hectares for which sanctions have been issued by the Government will be brought under the Brackish-water fish and prawn culture.

(d) A Fish Farm covering about 16 hectares sanctioned in November, 1983 is reported to have been completed. Work in other areas sanctioned in March, 1985 is yet to commence.

#### Mariculture Practice in West Bengal

869. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to step up annual production of fish and prawn from mariculture practice, particularly in the estuarine areas of West Bengal; if so, its broad outlines;

(b) whether some areas in Sunderbans in West Bengal are also likely to be brought under this mariculture practice; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role proposed to be assigned to the State Government under this plan of maritime activities ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of 1500 hectares for brackishwater fish/prawn farming in the country on area development basis is in operation since 1982. Under the Scheme, one half to one hectare of the developed ponds is envisaged to be allotted to each fisherman family for culture of fish and prawn.

(b) An area covering about 28 hectares in the Sunderbans of West Bengal, has been sanctioned by the Government for development of brackishwater fish farms to culture fish and prawn.

(c) Government of West Bengal have to identify more sites to formulate viable project reports and also provide 50% of the estimated cost in their budget for consideration of the proposal by the Government.

#### Popularity of Rasika Fruit Juice

870. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fruit juice 'RASIKA' is becoming increasingly popular;

(b) what is its total production at present;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more plants in order to increase its production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total production during the period April, 1984 to 13 March, 1985 is 134.88 lakh units of 200 ml. each.

(c) and (d). A proposal to set up more such plants is under consideration of Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd., a public sector undertaking of the Ministry.

#### Relay of Delhi Television Programme in different parts of the Country

871. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Television Programmes are being relayed to all the recently set up transmission centres in different parts of the country;

(b) whether in these relay programmes the content in the respective regional languages is nil; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to introduce programmes in the respective regional languages of different States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) :

(a) The National Programme put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi is relayed by all the TV transmitters in the country. In addition, programmes produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed, in full or in part, by all the transmitters in the network, including the relay transmitters set up during 1984-85.