

Reserve Bank of India to facilitate implementation of the scheme.

**Economic difficulties of fishermen of Maharashtra**

1953. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have noted the economic difficulties of fishermen of Maharashtra due to lower and falling catches;

(b) detrimental effects on small fishermen by the import and construction of a large number of big boats;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of such a survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, significant fall in marine fish catches has been reported from Maharashtra. However, slight variation in catch quantum is attributed to natural fluctuations of fishery resources. In view of this the question of economic difficulties of fishermen of Maharashtra does not arise.

(b) Government of Maharashtra have enacted suitable legislation to protect the interests of small fishermen by delimiting operational areas for different sizes of fishing vessels. There is no detrimental effect on small fishermen by import and construction of large fishing vessels which operate beyond territorial waters as per legislation.

(c) and (d) In view of answers for parts (a) and (b) the questions at parts (c) & (d) do not arise.

**Crop Insurance Scheme**

1954. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) steps taken by Government to encourage Crop Insurance Scheme and make it popular and beneficial to farmers in view of heavy floods and drought in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have made any detailed studies of crop insurance schemes as prevalent in advanced countries of Europe and America; and

(c) if so, how far such schemes can be adopted in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the State Governments and Union Territories for giving wide publicity to the Crop Insurance Scheme. Some of the State Governments have already published literature in regional languages for distribution among farmers. States have been impressed upon to make use of Training & Visit (T&V) system and the media namely, Doordarshan and All India Radio for giving wide publicity to the scheme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Supply of palmolein oil to Gujarat**

1955. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is free trade of edible oil in the country;

(b) whether there are different rates of edible oil (indigenous) in each and every State;

(c) the details of the demand sent by the Gujarat State Government for the supply of Palmolein oil during the last six months, month-wise and the actual supply made; and

(d) whether the supply made by the Centre was much less than the demand,