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4.	Goa, Daman and Diu		
	(i) Panaji*	Goa	
5.	Mizoram		
	(i) Aizawal	Aizawal	
6.	Pondicherry		
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\* indicates High Power (10KW/1KW) transmitters and the rest are low power transmitters.

[English]

#### Assistance to Fishermen

2025. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUHDARY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take measures for alleviating the condition of fishermen;

(b) whether it is also proposed to improve the technology and technique of fishing; and

(c) what are the steps taken and proposed to be taken for excise duty concessions and financial assistance to the fishermen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fishermen are assisted by the States/Union territories through schemes of subsidy and loan for acquisition of fishing boats, nylon yarn, gear and fishery requisites. Government of India have introduced a scheme for subsidising the Group Accident Insurance Premium for Active Fishermen who are members of Cooperative Societies/Federations/Welfare Organisation. National Welfare Fund for Fishermen is also under implementation to provide basic civic amenities such as drinking water, medical and welfare facilities, education, housing, old-age pension etc. An International

Regional Project FAO/UNDP, Bay of Bengal Programme at Madras has developed improved types of boats and gear for raising fish production in the small scale sector. Government have taken steps for introduction of improved Beach Landing Craft for the small scale fishermen. It is also proposed to mechanise 12,500 traditional craft during VII Plan. A scheme for extending the concession of excise duty levied on HSD Oil to all types of fishing boats is under consideration of the Government.

#### World Bank assistance for Karnataka's sheep project

2026. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka State had submitted Rs. 3.90 crore sheep Project to Centre for seeking World Bank loan; and

(b) if so, the details of further developments in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka has submitted in September, 1985 the revised proposal on Sheep Development in 9 districts of Karnataka seeking external assistance. The total estimated cost envisaged in the proposal is Rs. 30.75 crores. It is under examination in this Department.

#### Import of Edible Oils

2027. SHRIMATI PATEL ROMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the