

10. Proper coordination between the concerned organisations in respect of analysis/analytical technique should be maintained.
11. The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection should organise more and more short term specialised training courses on different agricultural commodities.

**Reduction in Cost of production of foodgrains**

1100. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any plan for drastically reducing the cost of foodgrains and other agricultural products in the country;

(b) whether any studies in connection with comparative costs of production in various countries has been conducted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. However the Government has taken several steps to increase the productivity of different crops including foodgrains. Experience has shown that increase in productivity tends to decrease the cost of production.

(b) No studies in connection with the comparative cost of production in various countries are made.

(c) The question does not arise.

**Curb on Multi-Unions in Industries**

1101. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had given any commitment to trade unions to consult them before formulating a law to curb multi-unions in industries;

(b) whether Government have finally decided to promote one unit-one union principle in all industrial undertakings; and

(c) if so, how the representative capacity of union is determined ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The question of multiplicity of unions and the need for checking the same has been discussed from time to time with the representatives of the trade union organisations and others. This matter was also inter-alia considered by the National Commission on Labour which had certain recommendations in this regard. Important changes in the Labour with the representatives of workers' organisations, employers' organisations and also State Governments as the concerned parties.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Deep Sea Fishing Trawlers**

1102. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :  
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :  
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of deep sea fishing trawlers operating in the country at present;

(b) how does it compare with the number of trawlers in Japan, South Korea, Holland and Singapore;

(c) the total indigenous capacity for manufacturing these trawlers;

(d) whether Government have taken any decision to import trawlers to make up the shortfall; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). A total of 118 deep sea fishing trawlers are operating in the country in the commercial sector at

present. Of these, 85 are Indian owned and the remaining are chartered foreign fishing vessels. This fleet strength is far below those of Japan, South Korea, Holland and Singapore.

(c) Total indigenous capacity for manufacture of fishing trawlers of all sizes is 85 with a delivery period of 14 to 16 months.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Import of trawlers is being allowed under Schemes of general import, charter obligation, 100% Export Oriented Units and joint ventures.

#### TV coverage in Kerala

1103. PROF. P. J. KURIEN . Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total percentage of TV coverage at the National level;

(b) the total percentage of coverage in Kerala;

(c) the names of districts and the total population which are yet to be covered by TV transmission in Kerala;

(d) whether Government have received requests from these districts for TV coverage; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) TV coverage is at present available to about 66.5% of the country's population and is expected to increase to 70% before the end of 1986 when the on-going VI Plan Schemes are completed.

(b) TV coverage is available at present to about 77.5% of population of Kerala State.

(c) About 57.2 lakh people (22.5% of the State's population) living in Kasargod and Wynad districts and parts of Palghat, Kozhikode, Cannanore and Malapuram districts are yet to be covered by TV service. In addition, there may be some isolated pockets in other districts like Pattanamthitta not covered due to local terrain conditions.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Establishment of low power (100W) TV transmitters at Malappuram, Kalpetta (Wynad district), Kasargod and Idukki has been included in the VII plan of Doordarshan.

#### Sale by Steel Authority of India Ltd., to Private Sector

1104. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of sale to private sector by the Steel Authority of India Limited, zone-wise during the last three years;

(b) whether the percentage has increased during the above period if so, the reasons for such increase;

(c) whether Government are contemplating a review of the sales to private sector by SAIL and decide for a gradual decrease in the percentage; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Zone-wise data regarding sale of iron and steel materials to private sector by SAIL is not maintained. However, supplies to major private sector consumers as a percentage of total supplies by SAIL during last three years is as follows :

Year	Supplies to major private consumers as a percentage of total supplies
1983-84	54.3
1984-85	50.1
1985-86 (April-December '85) (Provisional)	44.3

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). No such review is proposed as steel is supplied to consumers both in private and public sectors, according to their requirements and availability.