

Shimoga district of Karnataka and Konkan region of Maharashtra. The incentives provided under the project include planting material, fertilisers, plant protection chemicals and a portion of the labour component for the first four years after field planting.

(d) The following schemes have been sanctioned as an advance action for the area expansion under oil palm cultivation:

(1) Oil Palm Seed Garden, Andhra Pradesh.

(2) Front-line Demonstration, Kabini Irrigation Project, Mysore.

(3) Seed nurseries on each in Shimoga and Mysore districts of Karnataka.

(4) Expansion of the seed germination capacity at CPCRI, Palode.

Two oil palm development projects in an area of 12,100 ha. in A.P. and 5000 ha. in Karnataka have been posed to the EEC for their assistance.

Captive Fish Farming

5118. SHRISUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage Captive Fish Farming in irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard including the technology proposed to be adopted;

(c) whether such projects are being implemented in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The steps taken by the Government include research and development work carried out by fishery research institutes of ICAR on cage culture and the proposal to utilise pen culture extensively for rearing of fish seed for releasing in the reservoirs in the proposed World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Government of Kerala has also a Scheme for cage and pen culture of fish in reservoirs with German assistance. A project was implemented for culture of prawn in pens in Killai lake of Tamil Nadu under the Bay of Bengal Programme, Madras, the results of which were not very encouraging.

Water Management Cells

5119. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of the Water Management Cells; and

(b) the number of such cells set up so far and the number of projects taken up by those Cells?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). There is one Water Management Cell in the Ministry of Water Resources. The main objectives of the cell is to coordinate the various activities pertaining to National Water Management Project (NWMP) being assisted by World Bank. Water Management Cell itself does not take up execution of projects. It processes the projects proposed by States for inclusion under N.W.M.P. So far the cell has proc-