

7. Jammu & Kashmir	2
8. Karanataka	6
9. Kerala	3
10. Madhya Pradesh	9
11. Maharashtra	5
12. Manipnr	2
13. Nagaland	1
14. Orissa	11
15. Punjab	5
16. Rajasthan	6
17. Tamil Nadu	7
18. Tripura	3
19. Uttar Pradesh	26
20. West Bengal	14

(b) FFDAs have helped in raising the productivity per unit water area brought under scientific aquaculture to 681 kgs/ha on an all India basis as reported by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (1982-83). However some States are reported to be far ahead of this national average : in Orissa 1579 kgs/ha ; West Bengal 1340 kgs/ha ; Uttar Pradesh 1028 kgs/ha and in Tamil Nadu 1008 kgs/ha.

(c) Through these Fish Farmers Development Agencies so far 90159 fish farmers have been trained in the country.

Infrastructural Development Facilities in Idukki District (Kerala)

3038. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Idukki district produces the maximum quantity of spices which earn foreign exchange ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the development of spice trade has been hampered due to the inadequate infrastructural facilities in this district ? and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to develop infrastructural facilities in this district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Idukki district is one of the major spices producing districts of Kerala. Pepper and cardamom which are the main spice crops in this area are mostly exported.

(b) and (c) No specific report has been received from the State Government in this regard.

Intensive Rice Cultivation Scheme in Eastern Region

3039. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have launched a scheme for intensive rice cultivation in the Eastern region :

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided to the States under this scheme ;

(c) how many districts of Orissa have been covered under this programme and what assistance has been provided for this purpose ; and

(d) when all the Blocks of Orissa are expected to be covered under this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme allocation made by the Central Government for the year 1985-86 is Rs. 135.00 lakh for Assam, Rs. 348.10 lakh for Bihar, Rs. 200.00 lakh for Madhya Pradesh, Rs. 315.00 lakh for Orissa, Rs. 420.60 lakh for Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 335.00 lakh for West Bengal depending on the number of Project Blocks in each State. In Orissa, 63 blocks in 13 districts have been covered under this scheme.

(d) During the Seventh Plan period