

Sponsored Scheme on Pulses Development is in operation with a special component to replace cultivation of kesari dal since 1983-84. During 1984-85 mini-kits of gram were also supplied free of cost to the farmers under the Central Sector Scheme to replace kesari dal.

#### Imports of trawlers, in Seventh Plan

3044. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trawlers and river crafts of different type and design proposed to be imported during Seventh Plan period;

(b) the proposed cost of those trawlers and river crafts;

(c) the foreign exchange likely to be involved in the above import proposal; and

(d) the countries from where those trawlers and river crafts are proposed to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No river craft for fishing are proposed to be imported. The deep sea fishing policy is aimed mainly at building up the fleet strength. As such there is no specific target for import.

(b) to (d). Import of deep sea fishing vessels by the companies depends on the nature of their projects and suitability of designs, source and reasonableness of cost are considered by the Inter-Ministerial Fishing Vessel Acquisition Committee. As such a total cost of fishing trawlers to be imported and foreign exchange involved cannot be estimated in advance.

#### Loss to Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and Fertilizer Corporation of India

3045. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation has accumulated huge losses over

the past several years, if so, the total losses till the end of the last financial year;

(b) whether any units of the Corporation are facing closure due to continued losses;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation;

(d) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India has also been suffering losses, if so, the extent of losses; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (d). Yes, Sir. The cumulative losses of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), till 31st March, 1985 were Rs. 360.91 crores and Rs. 604.42 crores respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (e). The losses in both the companies are mainly due to low capacity utilisation in their units on account of power shortage/voltage dips and equipment breakdowns. Some short-term and long-term remedial measures have already been taken to improve the performance of the units of these companies. A decision on some more long-term measures to improve the performance and profitability of the companies will be taken after feasibility studies which are now under way, have been completed.

#### Transmissions operated by AIR Gangtok

3046. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of transmissions operated by All India Radio, Gangtok;

(b) whether All India Radio station Gangtok has not the normal three transmissions ?

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to start all the three transmissions at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) :

(a) to (c): AIR, Gangtok has presently an interim set up with 10 KW MW transmitter. It is operating on a temporary aerial with limited range and does not have facility for more than one transmission.

(d) Yes Sir. A scheme to have a permanent set up at Gangtok with 20 KW MW transmitter, Type I studios receiving facilities and Staff Quarters is expected to be completed during current, 7th Five year Plan.

#### Closure of Talchar unit of Fertilizer Corporation

3047. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Talchar Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India has been shut down for an indefinite period following damage to its ammonia reactor in a fire accident recently;

(b) whether the cause of the fire has been enquired into; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) The Talchar plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India remained shut down from 8.2.86 to 5.3.86.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the Committee, constituted by the company to investigate the matter, the fire was caused due to leakage of synthesis gas from the ammonia converter top flange resulting from damage of gasket.

#### Investment on Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka

3048. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not taking a decision on investment in Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka; and

(b) the funds allotted for its execution in Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) It has not been possible to take an investment decision on Vijayanagar Steel Plant due to the overall constraints of resources.

(b) The total Plan provision in the Seventh Five Year Plan for new steel plants which includes the Vijayanagar Steel Plant is Rs. 10 crores.

#### Women trained under Trysem

3049. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of women trained under the Training of Rural Youth for Self-employment in each year of the Sixth Plan with their number, State-wise;

(b) whether any monitoring was done about the utilisation of the training thus obtained for self-employment; and

(c) if so, what are the findings ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) The required information is given in the statement below.

(b) and (c). Monitoring of self-employment under the scheme is done through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports. During the last three years of the Sixth Plan, the percentage of self-employed women, to those trained, comes to 58.4%.