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30. Mizorm	—
31. Pondicherry	—
Total	81

(P) : Provisional (**) Not available (—); Nil

N. B. : Information relates to closures due to reasons other than Industrial Disputes and excludes off season closures.

Decline in shrimp catches

465. SHRI R. S. MANE :

SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a reduction in catches of shrimp during the last year;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to protect the depletion of such shrimp resources;

(c) the number of new deep-sea trawlers that will start fishing in 1986; and

(d) whether further depletion will occur due to more such boats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) There was no reduction in shrimp catches during 1985. However export has declined by 5049 tonnes during 1985-86 compared to 1984-85.

(b) A Committee has been formed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to examine the factual position with regard to production, size composition, marketing especially export of prawn during 1985-86 and the trend in the recent past.

(c) At present there are 87 deep sea fishing vessels of 20 M. length and above owned and operated by the commercial

sector. In addition 42 numbers of foreign chartered fishing vessels are also operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone.

(d) Deep sea fishing is unlikely to deplete shrimp resources in Indian Waters.

Dairy policy

466. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of having a dairy policy to solve unemployment among the lower levels of our society in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The accepted policy of the Government is to foster and promote dairy development on cooperative lines as far as possible. With this in view, a National Dairy Project, known as Operation Flood has been launched in the country. The Project is based on a three tier cooperative structure i.e. (1) Village Level Dairy Cooperative Societies of milk producers at the grass-root level, providing direct and indirect employment in the rural areas; (2) Unions of these village cooperatives at the district level; and (3) Federations of these Unions at the State/apex level. The Unions/Federations also provide employment opportunities.

Supply of newsprint

467. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the numerous problems being faced by publishers of newspapers regarding regularity and quality in the procurement of newsprint;

(b) whether Government are considering de-canalisation of imports of newsprint to eliminate the bottlenecks and