

of remuneration for handling pool fertilizers have since been finalised. The Company is expected to make profit this year.

**World Bank assistance to public sector fertilizer projects for research and study of performance evaluation**

923. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has extended financial assistance for conducting research and study of performance evaluation in respect of different public sector fertiliser projects;

(b) if so, the nature and details of the research and study contemplated in respect of various fertiliser projects; and

(c) the steps being taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (c) The World Bank has not given any loan for conducting research and study of performance evaluation in respect of public sector fertilizer projects. However, the World Bank has granted a loan of US \$ 200,000 for financing a study to determine whether the scope of Management Information System in the Department of Fertilizers can be enlarged.

**Use of unregistered pesticides**

924. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO :

SHRI MANIK REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been using and recommending some pesticides which have not been registered so far in the country;

(b) whether research on Neem, biological control and other alternate methods for control of pests by ICAR has been delayed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have been undertaking tests and trials of selected pesticides for generating data on their efficiency and safety. These data are made available to the registration Committee for considering the registration of the pesticides concerned from the angles of safety and efficacy.

(b) No, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been promoting research on the use of neem for pest control as also on the biological methods of pest control without any delay.

(c) Does not arise.

**Establishment of ship breaking yards at Paradip and Gopalpur**

925. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have submitted a proposal to the Union Government for establishing ship-breaking yards at Paradip and Gopalpur in the State;

(b) if so, the steps taken to approve the proposal submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the funds earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal has not been agreed to in view of excess Ship-breaking