Land offered to ICAR institutes in Orissa

- 958. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of ICAR institutions in Orissa, location-wise;
- (b) how much land State Governhas offered and whether it was free of cost or with cost; and
- (c) the offer made by other State Governments in respect of land offered to ICAR Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

- (a) I. Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack.
 - 2. Central Institute of Freshwater Acqaculture, Dhauli; Kausalyaganj.
 - 3. Central Tuber Crops Research Institute's Regional
 Station, Bhubneswar.
- (b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Lok Sabha.

Increase in land and building prices in cities

- *, 959. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that in cities and towns land and building prices are going up and are beyond the reach of fixed income groups;
- (b) if so, the basic reasons thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to turb these prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Price rise is a general phenomenon caused by high inflation in recent times. It is more noticeale in the case of lands and buildings in urban areas because of fast rate of urbanisation and limited supply of serviced land. Various steps have been taken to increase supply of developed land and release it at controlled prices to curb the trend.

Loans to commercial boncerns for acquisition of deep-sea trawlers

960. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether commercial concerns were advised to acquire new fishing vessels and assured that subsidy will be given to Indian ship builders for constructing deep sea fishing trawlers;
- (b) if so, the number of commercial concerns which were sanctioned loans and the subsidy given, State-wise; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Subject to availability of funds, loans are available to eligible Indian entrepreneurs desirous of acquiring deep see fishing trawlers. Subsidy to Indian ship builders for construction of trawlers indigenously is also available.

(b) The state-wise break-up of such companies is as under:

State

Number of Companies

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Andhra Pradesh

2 1 1 Gujarat Karnataka Maharashtra Orissa 5 Tamil Nadu 3 Chandigarh 8 Delhi

Written Answers

(c) Does not arise, Sir.

[Translation]

Basic amenities in rehabilitation colonies

- %1. SHRI BHARAT SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether on-going works for the last five years in the rehabilitation co onies have not so far been completed and these works are completely at a standstill for the last one year;
- (b) the time by which sewer line and water lines would be made operative in rehabilitation colonies and where sewer and water lines have not been laid, the time by which these will be laid; and
- (c) the budget allocation made for chabilitation colonies for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Taule of the Sabha.

National mass media policy

- **962.** SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :
- (a) whether the national mass media policy has been finalised; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. PANJA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

National Fisheries Development Board

DR G. S. RAJHANS: 963. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up a National Fisheries Development Board to coordinate the infrastructural requirement of the fish farmers and fishermen;
- (b) if so, when the said Board is likely to be set up; and
- (c) to what extent the fishermen in the country will be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to establish a National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to take up promotion and development work in the marine, inland and brackish water sectors.