

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The kharif paddy in Orissa was affected due to late onset of monsoon and drought spells in the beginning. However, owing to subsequent rains the situation has improved.

(b) It is too early to quantify the loss of kharif crops. To mitigate the effect of early drought, contingent measures are being taken and the cultivation of early duration crop varieties have been suggested

Norwegian Assistance for Development of Fisheries

1213. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Norwegian Government are assisting some fisheries development projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such projects including their estimated costs, etc.;

(c) whether one of such projects is being executed at Kasafal of Balasore district in Orissa, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). There is only one Norwegian assisted project now under implementation. The project viz. Orissa Fisheries District Development Programme, Kasafal area, Orissa has the following major components-

- (i) Construction of approach roads.
- (ii) Improvement of fishing craft and gear.

(iii) Construction of ice plant and cold storage; and

(iv) Creation of landing facilities, etc.

The total cost of the project is Rs. 225 lakhs.

(d) The project will be completed by 1990.

Air Service to Darbhanga, Daltanganj

1214. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend service of Vayudoot and Indian Airlines to Darbhanga, Daltanganj and other places of remote area of the country in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Constraint of aircraft capacity and paucity of resources do not permit inclusion of these stations in the expansion programme of Vayudoot and Indian Airlines.

Expansion of Strength and Quality of Services of Vayudoot

1215. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the types of aircrafts being used by the Vayudoot and their number;

(b) the plan for expansion of the strength and quality of service in Vayudoot;

(c) whether the Government have taken adequate measures to provide maintenance to the crafts; and