

indicate at this stage as to when a final decision will be taken in this regard.

World Bank Aid to Improve Dry Land Farming

4555. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank aided National Agricultural Extension Programme has been taken up intensively to improve dryland farming in the States ;

(b) if so, the extent to which the dryland farming in Karnataka State has improved and the area of dryland which has so far been brought under farming ;

(c) whether any new technology has been devised to be utilized by the farmers ; and

(d) whether in view of the successful implementation of the scheme, Government propose to extend it to other States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The World Bank aided National Agricultural Extension Project aims at the transfer of relevant agricultural technology to the farmers in a regular and systematic manner.

(b) The State of Karnataka is one of the States implementing the National Agricultural Extension Project. The system provides extension support to improve dryland farming as well. However, the State of Karnataka is one of the States in which the World Bank aided project on dryland farming is also under implementation. The State of Karnataka is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Water Shed Development Programme. Under these two programmes and other dryland farming programmes, the area covered during the year 1987-88 till the end of September 1987, has been 86,571 hectares.

(c) Yes, Sir. The new technology includes an integrated approach in soil and moisture conservation dovetailed with crop husbandry.

(d) The National Water Shed Programme is already under implementation in 15 more States in the country.

Modern Technology for Increasing Agriculture Production

4556. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new modern agricultural technology has been developed to increase the production ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any foreign expertise has been sought in this respect, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) and (b). Detailed information on modern agricultural technology developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is provided in the Annual Report of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education for 1986-87 placed on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament during the last budget session (March-May 1987).

(c) There are over 25 protocols with many foreign countries under which exchange of Indian scientists and foreign scientists takes place, which results in learning of foreign technology by India and imparting of Indian technology to those countries. Besides, this, there are a number of collaborative research projects and visits of various UN/FAO experts which also results in the absorption of modern agricultural expertise and foreign technology by India.

Installed Capacity of Tuna Fish Canning Factory

4557. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) when was the Centrally administered Tuna Fish Canning Factory, Minicoy Island in Lakshadweep commissioned ;

(b) the installed capacity of the factory ;

(c) the actual production during the last three years, year-wise ;

(d) the shortfall in production, if any, year-wise ;

(e) the reasons for shortfall ; and

(f) the time by which the factory will be able to produce Tuna fish cans as per its installed capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Applicants for Supply of Fishing Trawlers in Lakshadweep

4558. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applicants from Lakshadweep demanding fishing boats during the last three years ;

(b) the number of fishing boats supplied to the applicants so far ;

(c) the number of applications carried over and the number still outstanding ; and

(d) the time by which they are likely to be supplied fishing boats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Tuna Output

4559. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of tuna fish caught in the country by each coastal State and Union Territory ; and

(b) the number of processing plants installed, both in private and public sectors, for canning as well as freezing of tuna fish State/Union Territory-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) The quantum of tuna fish catch in the country by the each coastal State/Union Territory for the last three years is given below :

(In tonnes)

Coastal States/U.Ts.	1984	1985	1986
1. Andhra Pradesh	869	1788	988
2. Karnataka	3625	3239	2484
3. Kerala	4715	6206	7042
4. Maharashtra	2539	2330	2592
5. Tamil Nadu	4390	3436	3754
6. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	215	156	293
7. Lakshadweep	4313	3775	4807
8. Pondicherry	519	266	432
Total	21185	21196	22392