

diversification of cropping pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Improved technologies and varieties for rice cultivation in areas affected by drought, flood and other natural calamities are being continuously developed and updated.

(b) Studies on diversification of cropping pattern are under progress.

Import of Seeds by National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board

10197. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oil Development Board has been importing seeds;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the various kind of seed imported by the Board during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c). The National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board has imported only sunflower seed of Peredovik variety from U.S.S.R. during the year 1986-87.

UNDP and FAO Aided Agricultural Projects

10198. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be

pleased to state:

(a) the number of United Nations Development Programme and Food & Agriculture Organisation supported projects under implementation in the country?

(b) whether any such project is being implemented in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the cost of the project, the place where it is being implemented and other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) There are at present twelve agricultural projects under implementation in the country with funding from UNDP/FAO.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Under UNDP Assisted Project "Advanced Centres on Postgraduate Agricultural Education and Research Centre on Inland Fisheries is being established at Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Kausalyagang in collaboration with Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology Bhubaneswar for a period of five years.

Under this sub-project, the two Institutions will receive assistance as below:

	(US \$)
— Consultants—30 manmonths	313,00
— Fellowships—48 manmonths	167,568
— Equipment	413,000
TOTAL	893,568