

declared fit to receive Central assistance in March, 1987 by the University Grants Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Sunflower Cultivation

1337. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to promote sunflower cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, in which States and the areas selected;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(d) the extent to which the production is likely to be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation to provide fill up to the sunflower cultivation in the country.

(b). The Agrioclimatically potential districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have been selected.

(c) Under OPTP a sum of Rs. 199 lakhs has been allocated for sunflower during 1988-89. During 1988-89, an allocation of Rs. 1301 lakhs has been made to the States for development of suitable Oilseed crops including sunflower under NODP.

(d) By successful implementation of these schemes, sunflower production is expected to be raised to 8 lakh tonnes by 1988-89.

#### Setting up of Hatcheries in Maharashtra

1338. SHRI BANWARI LAL  
PUROHIT :  
PROF. RAMKRISHNA  
MORE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government to set up big hatcheries in the State under the United Nations Development Programme as is being done in other States;

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which a decision to set up big hatcheries in Maharashtra is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The UNDP Project has a provision for setting up of a total of five pilot Brackishwater Fish Farms and five pilot Shrimp Seed Hatcheries in the country so that atleast one Hatchery or one Farm under UNDP Project is located in each of the haritime States. The selection of sites for these farms and hatcheries has been made on the recommendations of the UNDP experts according to which one UNDP pilot farm has been selected for Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra have been informed accordingly.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Mirkarwada Fishing Harbour Project, Maharashtra

1339. SHRI BANWARI LAL  
RUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has sought approval to the revised administrative cost of Rs. 14.59 crores towards the Mirkarwada fishing harbour project which is under execution;