

(c) Apart from the above, no other proposal has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Special Advances for Deep Sea Fishing Vessels from SCICI

2337. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether special advances are to be made for deep sea fishing vessels from the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government are aware that such deep sea fishing is affecting the ecology of the oceans and depriving traditional fishermen of their jobs ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider this matter ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a) SCICI does not make any special advances for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels. However, term loans are provided by SCICI for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) There is no evidence to suggest that ocean ecology has been affected by operation of deep sea fishing vessels. Moreover, deep sea fishing vessels operate beyond the area of operation of traditional fishermen. Therefore, the question of depriving traditional fishermen

of their jobs does not arise.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Production of Cotton

2338. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of cotton, State-wise against the target during 1987-88 ;

(b) whether the production of cotton is low ; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and steps proposed to be taken to enhance its production at a targeted level during 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) and (b). The estimates of production of cotton, State wise during 1987-88 along with targets are shown in the statement given below.

(c) The decline in the production of cotton during 1987-88 was accompanied by a reduction in the area under cotton due to adverse weather conditions.

The all India production target for cotton during 1988-89 is fixed at 93 lakh bales. In order to achieve this target, the Centrally Sponsored Intensive Cotton Development Programme is being continued on cost sharing basis in all the major cotton growing States except Tamil Nadu. Under this scheme, subsidy is being provided on production of breeder and foundation seeds, distribution of certified seeds, laying out of demonstration plots and establishment of *Kapas* grading centres.

Statement

Targets vis-a-vis Production of Cotton—1987-88

(Lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

State	Target	Achievement (Provisional)
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	7.50	5.12