

(b) the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Rs 5.55 lakhs

World Bank Aid for Fisheries Project in M.P.

*120. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT:

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted any fisheries Project to Government of India in 1972 for World Bank's assistance and whether the scheme is still under consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, what is the present position of the case, and the efforts made for getting it cleared from the World Bank; and

(c) the reason for delay in arriving at any decision during these six years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) to (c). The Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted a project on inland fisheries for World Bank assistance in 1972. An expert Team from the Ministry of Agriculture was sent to Madhya Pradesh to survey the areas and submit a report. The World Bank could send an Expert for preliminary identification only in July, 1975. It was suggested that a national programme for fish and aquaculture and inland fisheries development would be more appropriate for posing to the World Bank for assistance rather than the project for one State in isolation. While preparing such a national programme the Government will take into consideration the project submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

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Role of LIC in the Removal of Housing shortage

1001 SHRI YASHWANT BOROLE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has urged the LIC and other financial bodies to play a bigger role in the construction of houses in the country; and

(b) if so, the positive steps taken in this direction to meet massive housing shortage?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (a) and (b). The Life Insurance Corporation of India is making a significant contribution in the field of housing. As on 31st March, 1977 the L. I. C. contributed a sum of about Rs. 729 crores by way of loans to the State Governments, Apex Co-operative Housing Finance Societies, etc for housing. Further, the L.I.C. has, as on 31st March, 1977 given assistance by way of loans amounting to about Rs. 147 crores under its other schemes, for promoting housing.

Apart from LIC, financial assistance for housing is provided by HUDCO, General Insurance Corporation of India and the Scheduled Commercial Banks.

Recently, a Housing Development Finance Corporation has been set up at Bombay for providing housing finance.