

(c) if so, what are the reasons that made Government to abandon such a scheme;

(d) whether Government have received representations from the people of Khowai Town asking Government to carry out its previous decision; and

(e) if so, what is Government's decision in this matter?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) to (e). The information required has been called for from the Chief Commissioner of Tripura and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

STAFF WELFARE IN BIHAR CIRCLE

446. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the matter of organisation of staff welfare measures in the Bihar Circle during the last three years;

(b) if so, what; and

(c) what is the percentage of each category of employees who have been provided with quarters so far?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 76.]

DEEP-SEA FISHING

447. Shri V. P. Nayar: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to collect the necessary data required for developing deep-sea fishing?

(b) If so, will Government lay on the Table of the House a short account of such plan?

(c) How many scientists and technicians are now working in the collection of such data, under the Central Government at present?

(d) What is the area of the sea in respect of which Central Government has full data for deep-sea fishing at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) A short account of the plan is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 77.]

(c) Four scientists and 39 fishing technicians and crew working on the vessels of the Deep-Sea Fishing Station, Bombay, are assisting in the collection and analysis of the data.

(d) The work was begun in 1948 and considering the vast area to be surveyed, can still be considered to be in the initial stages. With the analysis of the data already collected, a fairly clear picture of the section of the Arabian Sea between Port Okha and Bombay has, however, become available and the existence of rich trawling grounds to the West of Kathiawar Coast established.

Previous surveys conducted by a few maritime States (Bombay, Madras and Bengal) and the recent survey by West Bengal have provided some data on the fishing banks south of Cape-Comorin, north of Palk Bay, west of Mangalore, and the fishing banks off the mouth of the Mahanadi.

FISHERIES

448. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to para. 7 "Inland Fisheries" of Chapter XXIII of the First Five Year Plan and state whether Government have sent any research scholar for training in spawning of European carps in Brazil or Indonesia?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Not so far.

FISH

449. Shri V. P. Nayar: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to part (e) of para. 4 of the Planning Commission's Report's Chapter XXIII on Fisheries and state the basis of the conclusion