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### Fishing Trawler

2374. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many fishing trawlers are engaged in deep sea fishing in the country at present;

(b) the names of those places;

(c) whether there are any public sector or corporation ventures in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO):

(a) 78 Trawlers.

(b) Most of the trawlers are operating on the East Coast and the remaining on the West Coast.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following public sector Corporations are operating 14 deep sea fishing vessels as given below:—

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| (i) State Fisheries Development Corporation, West Bengal— | 4  |
| (ii) Kerala Fisheries Development Corporation             | —4 |
| (iii) Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation.       | —2 |
| (iv) Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Development Corporation.    | —2 |
| (v) Gujarat Agro-Marine Products Limited.                 | —2 |

TOTAL: 14

### Improvement in Gobar Gas Plants

2375. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian gobar gas plants are poorly

managed and badly designed as a result of which there is perpetual leakage of gas; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up some expert committee to improve this plant especially in the context of the present power shortage throughout the country more particularly in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) There is no flaw in the Indian design of gobar gas plant from the point of view of leakage of gas. Management levels, however, differ and the leakage usually takes place due to faulty construction of poor maintenance by owners.

(b) Department of Science and Technology has already set up a Technical Committee which is going into design and management aspects for better performance of gobar gas plants.

### गन्ने का उत्पादन

2376. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गन्ने के उत्पादन में कमी आई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों की तुलना में चालू वर्ष में गन्ने के उत्पादन का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) गन्ने के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए सरकार का विचार क्या कदम उठाने का है ?

कृषि और प्राचीन पुनर्निर्माण मंत्री (श्री बिरेंद्र सिंह राव) : (क) 1976-77, 1977-78 तथा 1978-79 के तीन वर्षों के लिए अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर गन्ने के उत्पादन के अनुमान क्रमशः 1530.1, 1769.7 तथा 1564.5 लाख मीटरी टन हैं। वर्ष 1979-80 के अनुमान अभी उपलब्ध नहीं हुए हैं। संतोष बताने में मृत्युंजय के अनुसार वर्ष 1979-80 के दौरान