

(d) if the suggestion was not placed before the committee the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) to (c). The proposal was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee on 29 August, 1980. The Committee, while recommending the programme of stamp releases for the year 1981 did not include the proposal in their recommendations.

(d) In view of the answer to (a) to (c), the question does not arise.

#### Plan for Development of Fishery in West Bengal

2888. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated or propose to have any plans for the development of fisheries in West Bengal particularly in the Sunderbans area;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes Sir. The Government have approved an Inland Fisheries Project with World Bank assistance. The Sunderbans Development Project envisages a component for development of fisheries also.

(b) The Inland Fisheries Project with World Bank assistance has commenced its operation in West Bengal from 1-4-1980 in 11 selected districts with a total investment of Rs. 14.3 crores during 1980-85. The Project will bring 34,000 ha of water area in Project districts under intensive fish

farming. The Fish Farmers' Development Agencies in these 11 districts have already been established to identify suitable water area, train fish farmers and provide them assistance for inputs and reclamation. Under the Project a Fish Seed Development Corporation has been set up in West Bengal to construct and operate 9 fish seed hatcheries. The Project on full development envisages an additional production of 82,000 tonnes of fish per annum.

Under Sunderbans Development Project which is likely to commence from January, 1981 and will go on upto 1985, 2 Brackish Water Fish Farms at Jharkhali and Mahisani Islands will be constructed at a total cost of Rs. 2.1 crores for taking up brackish water fish and prawn culture.

(c) Question does not arise.

#### Daily rated Mazdoors in P & T Accounts Office, Patna

2889. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of daily rated mazdoors working in the P & T Accounts Office, Patna;

(b) how many of them have been regularised;

(c) how many of the remaining mazdoors have put in more than 10 years of service; and

(d) the reasons for not absorbing them in regular service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Sir, the number varies from day to day, but as on 29-11-1980, the number was 12.

(b) None, Sir.

(c) None, Sir.