

hec, by surface flows apart from 10 million hectares by increased use of ground water. The proposal also envisages generation of about 40 million Kw of power. Initially, it is proposed to take up survey and investigations for creation of storages on and inter-linking of Peninsular rivers. For this purpose it has been decided to constitute a National Water Development Agency as a Society to be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The scheme of surveys and investigations is estimated to cost about Rs. 107 crores and the work is expected to be completed in a period of about 7 to 10 years. Various steps necessary for constitution of the Agency are being taken.

#### **Dearth of Trained Personnel in Marine Fishing**

191. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is a dearth of trained personnel in marine-fishing in various States;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken so far or propose to take to make available more number of trained personnel in this trade; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government of India have two Institutes at present, viz., Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Bombay, and Central Institute of Fisheries, Nautical & Engineering Training, Cochin which conducts training courses in marine fishing.

The Central Institute of Fisheries Education at Bombay conducts a two-year course in Inland and Marine

Fishing. 40 candidates are admitted every year.

The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training, at Cochin and its unit at Madras conduct courses on Fishing Secondhands (15 months), Engine Drivers of fishing vessels (15 months), Boat Building Foremen (15 months), Shore Mechanics (12 months) Gear Technicians (9 months), Radio Telephone Operators (9 months) and Teachers Training (6 months).

To bridge the gap of availability and requirement of trained personnel, a new unit of the above Institute has recently been opened at Visakhapatnam. It has started functioning from 1st October, 1981. It conducts courses for Fishing Secondhands and Engine Drivers of fishing vessels only at present.

Inservice trainees are sponsored by State Governments for various courses at the above two Institutes. A limited number of private candidates and foreign candidates are also admitted.

To meet the shortage of trained personnel in marine fishing, there are training Centres in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands where the candidates are trained in marine fishing like operation of mechanised boats, navigation etc. Many of these candidates get the opportunities for higher training at Central Institutes mentioned above.

#### **Report of working Group on Growth of Private housing**

192. SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group appointed by the Government to stimulate the growth of private housing has submitted its report;