

के तथ्य की ध्यान में रखते हुए, बिहार को जुलाई, 1981 में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए 12 हजार मीटरो टन गेहूँ आवंटित किया गया था। तथापि, बिहार के मुख्य मंत्री ने सितम्बर, 1981 में अनुरोध किया था कि आवंटन को बढ़ा कर कम से कम 35 हजार मीटरो टन प्रति मास कर दिया जाए। आवंटन को बढ़ा कर 17 हजार मीटरो टन कर दिया गया है।

Approval of Irrigation Projects

204. SHRI A. C. DAS:

SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the irrigation projects of various States approved by the Planning Commission during 1981-82;

(b) the number and the names of the irrigation projects of Orissa awaiting the approval of the Planning Commission;

(c) the name of the irrigation projects of Orissa that are in various stages of implementation; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) 41 Irrigation projects of various States have been approved by the Planning Commission during the year 1981-82 (that is from 1-4-1981 to date).

(b) Only one irrigation project namely "Samakoi Irrigation Project" which have been cleared by the Advisory Committee is awaiting approval of the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2913/81].

Tuna Fishing

205. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the world's best Tuna resources lie in the Indian Ocean and fishermen of foreign countries like Japan, Taiwan, USSR etc., made big catches of tuna from fishing grounds in the Indian Ocean from within the 200 mile limit from India's West coast; and

(b) what progress has India made in Tuna fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) According to the assessment of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, the annual potential for tuna in the Indian Ocean is in the region of about 5.8 lakhs tonnes. The latest available figure of tuna catches from the Indian Ocean is 1.83 lakh tonnes. Countries like Japan, Taiwan and South Korea have been fishing for tuna in the Indian Ocean largely in International waters.

(b) The all-India tuna landings showed a progressive trend from 3015 tonnes in 1970 to 23,273 tonnes (provisional) in 1979. In India there is no organised fishery for tunas except in Lakshadweep. Fisheries Department of Lakshadweep Administration has introduced about 192 mechanised boats for tuna through subsidies and loans for purchase of boats. For development of tuna resources, the Government of India have taken steps to survey the sea and have a scheme of permitting foreign fishing vessels on charter for exploitation of these resources.

Assistance to Kerala Public Distribution system.

206. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) is it not a fact that the Government of Kerala was able to control the