

Loss Suffered by Food Corporation of India in Winding Operation of Open Storage

6790. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by the Food Corporation of India during the winding up operations of the open storages during the last three calendar years.

(b) the reasons for the losses ; and

(c) the particulars of the places where the losses are comparatively higher ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) to (c). Separate figures of loss on account of winding up operations of the open storages are not available, as no such record is kept. The losses in open (CAP) Storages are generally due to pest attack, different mode of weighment, driage of grains and damage to stocks due to rain water etc.

Fishing Boats Operating in Coast of Dakshina Kannada District

6791. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mechanised and country fishing Boats operating in the coast of Dakshina Kannada District ;

(b) whether adequate harbour facilities have been provided for the same ; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to overcome the difficulty in order to encourage fishing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) There are about 1300 mechanised fishing boats and about 3600 country fishing crafts operating in the coast of Dakshina Kannada district.

(b) Facilities are available for operation of small fishing boats at Mangalore old port, Moolky, Gangolli, Malpe. However, these facilities are reported to be inadequate.

(c) An all-weather fishing harbour at Malpe is nearing completion. Another fishing harbour at Mangalore has been sanctioned by the Government in 1978. Besides these two fishing harbours, the State Government have identified three new sites for providing landing facilities.

Inflow of Foreign Exchange

6792. SHRI K.A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the full details of financial terms of the net inflow of foreign exchange expected per annum for each foreign chartered trawler ; and

(b) the details and the number of foreign charter trawlers expected in India in 1982 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) It is proposed to have 100 foreign fishing vessels on charter basis during the year.