

The works are undertaken normally through the contractors but some minor miscellaneous and maintenance works are also done departmentally. As several thousands contractors were involved in the construction of D.D.A. works during the last three years the time & labour spent for collecting and compiling the information in this regard will not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved.

Amount spent for Fisheries

6846. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent for fisheries in the last two Five Year Plans so far ;

(b) the amount so far spent for the welfare of fishermen through the last two Five Year Plans ;

(c) the welfare measures so far implemented for the fishermen ; and

(d) the welfare measures proposed to be implemented for fishermen during the Sixth Five Year Plan period and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Total amount spent for fisheries in the last two Five Year Plans is as under :—

4th Plan — Rs. 54.11 crores
5th Plan — Rs. 134.98 crores

(b) Separate figures of plan expenditure exclusively for welfare of fishermen are not available. However, the National Cooperative Development Corporation has provided an assis-

tance of about Rs. 695 lakhs to various fisheries cooperatives from the beginning of the 5th plan upto 1979-80.

(c) Special programmes such as loan and subsidy for the purchase of boats ; fishery requisites ; training of fishermen ; subsidy for fish pond improvement ; and the inputs, extension support for carrying out pisciculture, etc. are carried out in the States and Union Territories. Schemes are also implemented for fishermen-housing. Some of the State Governments have created Fishermen Relief Fund for welfare schemes for fishermen.

(d) The above Programmes/schemes are being continued during the 6th Plan period.

Amount for Coconut Development under Sixth Plan

6847. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount proposed to be spent for coconut development in the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of the schemes in which, the agencies through which and the State for which such amount is proposed to be spent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI) : (a) An outlay of Rs. 8.06 crores is proposed to be spent by the Government of India for the development of coconut during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) The coconut development programmes will be implemented by the State Governments, Coconut Development Board and Agricultural