

**PL-480 assistance for development of  
Agriculture**

654. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are getting assistance under PL-480 to run schemes pertaining to development of agriculture;

(b) if so, the State-wise break up of the schemes with their details that are being financed and run under PL-480 assistance scheme; and

(c) the number of new schemes that Government propose to take up during 1982-83 with their details and location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a). No Sir. PL-480 funds (now called 'US held special rupee fund') are utilised only for agricultural research and not for development schemes.

(b) Annexure-1 which gives the state-wise break up of research schemes in the field of Agricultural research that are financed under US held special rupee funds is laid on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-4225/82).

(c) It is difficult to indicate in advance the exact number of new schemes that may eventually be approved and taken up during 1982-83 in the field of agricultural research. So far 9 new schemes have been already approved during 1982-83. More are being processed. Details about the nine schemes approved are given in Annexure-II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4225/82].

**International conference on deep sea  
fishing**

655. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international conference on deep sea fishing was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the main suggestions that emerged as a result of the discussion;

(c) whether fishing in India is now confined to shrimping only and the vast coast line has not yet been exploited even to a fringe;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to have a blue print for fuller utilisation and exploitation of the marine fishing in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) A Conference on Deep Sea Fishing was held recently in New Delhi which was attended by a few foreign participants.

(b) The Conference was organised by the Association of Indian Fishery Industries. The Government have not received the proceedings of the Conference from the organisers.

(c) No, Sir. Shrimps form only about 10 percent of the total fish landings. A little over 2 lakh sq. km. area of sea along the coast line is being presently exploited.

(d) and (e). The Government of India under the Sixth Plan have the following important schemes for fuller utilisation and exploitation of the marine fishery resources:-

i) Augmentation of fishing fleet through charter of foreign vessels, joint ventures. Import and indigenous construction.