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| 17. Sri Lanka | 3302 | 158.00 | 551 | 29.53 |
| 18. Hong Kong | 273 | 173.86 | 254 | 212.28 |
| 19. Malaysia | 262 | 6.88 | 3 | 1.45 |
| 20. Greece | 506 | 41.37 | 558 | 55.33 |
| 21. Spain | 337 | 70.12 | 231 | 87.83 |
| 22. Others | 2280 | 158.59 | 355 | 1551.61 |
| Total | 75591 | 23484.26 | 70105 | 28600.54 |

STATEMENT-II

Details of efforts taken by Govt. to raise export of Marine Products

- (i) On the basis of liberalised guidelines, charters of vessels from abroad for deep-sea fishing are being permitted.
- (ii) Prawn-culture is being encouraged in different parts of India through the Marine Products Export Development Authority.
- (iii) Sales-cum study teams and sea-food delegations are being promoted.
- (iv) Participation in specialised International sea-food exhibitions is being organised through the Marine Products Export Development Authority.
- (v) Quality control measures are being implemented through the Export Inspection Agency. Extension work to promote quality in production is being undertaken by the Marine Products Export Development Authority.

COMMERCIAL BANKS' HELP IN INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

3550. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether commercial banks functioning in different States are helping the Government in implementing Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) if so, the name of the various commercial banks which are associating in Orissa for the success of Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(c) the role played by those commercial banks in implementing the above programme; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the public sector banks operating in Orissa are associated with the implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(c) and (d) The total term credit mobilised in the State through various financial institutions including commercial banks under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during the year 1980-81 was Rs. 15.90 crores. This increased to Rs. 25.20 crores in 1981-82. The banks are progressively strengthening their infrastructure in the State in order to further improve their participation in the programme.

OPENING OF REGIONAL RURAL BANKS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

3552. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has taken a decision to open some Regional Gramya Bank branches in different parts of the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the number of such Regional Gramya Banks proposed to be opened in different parts of the country during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of their locations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Identification of locations for the establishment of new regional rural banks is a continuing process and is decided upon by Government on the recommendations of a Steering Committee set up for the purpose in the Reserve Bank of India. In the current financial year four new Regional Rural Banks have so far been set up. Action is presently in hand for setting up 13 more

regional rural banks, namely, 5 in Madhya Pradesh, 2 each in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, one each in the States of Karnataka, Nagaland and Rajasthan, and one in the Union territory of Arunachal Pradesh.

३५५३. श्री अरार० एन० राकेश : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९६४ में रुपए का मूल्य कितना था और इस समय कितना है;

(ख) क्या सरकारी कर्मचारियों के वेतन भी रुपये के मूल्य में वृद्धि और गिरावट के अनुसार संशोधित किये गये हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया) :

(क) मई, १९६४ और मई, १९८२ में रुपये का मूल्य क्रमशः ८२.६ पैसे और २१.७ पैसे था (आधार १९६०=१००) ।

(ख) और (ग) तीसरे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों के आधार पर केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों के वेतनमान १.१.१९७३ से उस समय संशोधित किए गए थे जब १२ महीने का औसत सूचकांक (आधार : १९६०=१००) २०० अंकों पर था। आयोग ने अपनी रिपोर्ट के अध्याय ५५ के पैरा १६ में सिफारिश की थी कि यदि मूल्य स्तर १२ महीने के औसत २७२ (१९६०=१००) से ऊपर बढ़ जाए तो सरकार की स्थिति की समीक्षा करनी चाहिए और यह निर्णय करना चाहिए कि क्या मंहगाई भत्ता योजना को और आगे बढ़ाया जाए अथवा स्वयं वेतनमानों में ही संशोधित किया जाए। मूल्य स्तर उक्त सीमा से ऊपर बढ़ जाने पर सरकार ने स्थिति की समीक्षा की और यह निर्णय किया कि मंहगाई भत्ता योजना को जारी रखा जाए। इस प्रकार केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों की १२ महीने के औसत उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक में ८ अंकों की वृद्धि होने पर मंहगाई भत्ते की एक किश्त की मंजूरी दी जाती है। केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों को मूल्य में वृद्धि के लिए उनकी प्रतिपूर्ति करने के सम्बन्ध में मंहगाई भत्ते/ अतिरक्त मंहगाई भत्ते की अब तक की ३१ किश्तें स्वीकृत की जा चुकी हैं, १ मई, १९८२ के अन्त में औसत सूचकांक ४५६ अंकों को पार कर गया है और इसलिये मंहगाई भत्ते की एक और किश्त १-६-१९८२ से विचार किए जाने योग्य हो गयी है। इस प्रकार सरकार केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों की उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक में वृद्धि के लिए समय-समय पर प्रतिपूर्ति करती है।

PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHETAK

3554. SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no significant progress has been made in the development of the Chetak; India's main battle tank at the Combat Vehicle Research and Development Establishment at Avadi near Madras :

(b) if so, whether the main draw-back of the Chetak's internal combustion engine lies in an inherent casting defect and this placed various restrictions on the performance of the engine;

(c) if so, what are the other hurdles that have come in the way of development; and

(d) what are the other measures being taken by Government to improve its capability ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir. Significant progress has been made in the development of Main Battle Tank.

(b) to (d). In the development of Internal Combustion Engine, no major problems other than the normal problems encountered in the development of a modern high performance engine for the first time in the country, are being faced. All possible efforts are being made to overcome these problems.

DEVELOPMENT OF MAIN BATTLE TANK

3555. SHRI N. E. HORO :

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :

SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts are being made in the development of the Main Battle Tank (MBT) and its first prototype is also likely to be available for evaluation by the Army by the end of next year; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress so far made in this regard and in other important development programme like early warning radars for the Army and Air Force and a sonar system for the Navy ?