

Fish and Duck farming in Kerala with Hungarian Collaboration

104. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR:

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the advice of the Ministry of Agriculture and Government of Kerala have prepared and submitted a project outline in April 1981 for the organisation of Agriculture Development Centre for Integrated Fish and Duck Farming in Kerala with Hungarian collaboration; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the action taken by Government on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Project envisages setting up of a major Agriculture Development Centre for production of fish seed and ducklings for demonstrating technology of Integrated Farming of Fish and Ducks as a means to enhance earnings from ponds. It is proposed to extend this technology to other suitable areas also in Kerala by training of fish aquaculturists, extension workers, departmental personnel and others. The State Government has been requested to revise the project on the basis of the comments offered by the Ministry of Agriculture. The revised Projects Report is awaited from the Government of Kerala.

Assistance sought by Kerala Government for Water Supply Schemes

105. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) how many water supply schemes have been proposed so far by the Government of Kerala, for seeking assistance of Central Government and the various external agencies;

(b) which are those schemes and what are their details; and

(c) the details of action taken by the Government of India in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) to (c). Drinking water supply is a State subject and the schemes are formulated and implemented by the State Governments, Central assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme is provided to augment the State resources to cover the identified problem villages.

Under this programme 244 Rural Water Supply Schemes covering 711 problem villages (including partial coverage) at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2290.586 lakhs have so far been technically approved by the Centre for Kerala.

As regards schemes for external assistance, the information is given in the attached statement.