

### Harnessing of Inland Water For Exploitation of Sea Food

5424. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to finance some States to harness inland waters for exploitation of sea food;

(b) whether such projects have been prepared by some state;

(c) if so, the names of those States;

(d) the financial outlay involved in each of those projects; and

(e) the efforts made by the Centre for the implementation of those for sea food tapping ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :  
(a) Yes, sir, For promoting brackish-water fish and prawn culture a Centrally sponsored scheme of Development of Brackishwater Fish Farming has already been taken up for implementation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Tentative proposals under this scheme have been received from Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

(d) and (e) Tentative proposals received from State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala and Tamil Nadu involve outlays of about Rs. 228 lakhs, Rs. 12 lakhs, Rs. 118 lakhs and Rs. 262 lakhs respectively. However, Central assistance is released according to prescribed pattern under this scheme.

The amount of Central assistance released to these States are as under :

1. Andhra Pradesh	Rs.7.00 lakhs
2. Orissa	Rs.2.00 lakhs
3. Kerala	Rs.2.00 lakhs
4. Tamil Nadu	Rs.7.00 lakhs

The Central Government is providing technical expertise to the State Governments in identifying the most suitable sites, in preparation of plans, desings and estimates for construction of farm complex; and in the Pre-Investment Survey of Fishing Harbours.

### Procurement Price of Wheat

5425. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that though the food production in the country was satisfactory last year, because of the refusal of Government to pay satisfactory remunerative price to the peasants as compared to the landed prices of imported wheat, the procurement of wheat was unsatisfactory; and

(b) if so, whether Government would revise its decision regarding the procurement price of wheat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :  
(a) No, Sir. A quantity of 7.72 million tonnes of wheat has been procured during the 1982-83 marketing season as against 6.60 million tonnes procured during 1981-82 marketing season. There has been an increase in the procurement not only in absolute terms but also in percentage terms related to production. Procurement during the 1982-83 marketing season has accounted for 20.4 percent of production as against 18.2 percent procured during 1981-82 marketing season. The total quantity of cereals, viz, rice, wheat and coarse cereals procured by Government out of the 1981-82 crop, amounted to 15.2 million tonnes which is a record level of foodgrain procurement.

(b) Does not arise.

### Enhancement in Price of Tonned Milk for Educational Institutions by D.M.S.

5427. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :