

Loss of Life and Fishing Boats at Kerala Coast

1241. SHRI E.K. IMBICHIBAVA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state how many fishing boats and lives of fishermen were lost in rough sea during the storm in sea in 1983 at Kerala Coast, due to lack of rescue arrangements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : According to the State Government due to the cyclonic storm that hit Kerala coast in June, 1983, forty three (43) boats were reported missing. Dead bodies of 18 persons were recovered during the said period.

South African Offer to Indian Players

1242. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTHI : Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have come across the news reports to the effect that some of the distinguished sportsmen and players are being persuaded to play in South Africa on the plea that politics should be kept apart from sports ;

(b) if so, the details along with the reaction of Government and Sport Organisations of the country ;

(c) whether Government have checked the accuracy of such reports and steps if any taken in this regard ; and

(d) the details of persuasive efforts along with the name of the persons involved ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS, AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :

(a) The Government have seen a press article—relating especially to Indian cricketers during the visit of the Indian cricket team to U.K. for participation in the Prudential Cup Championships, which alleged that the South African Cricket Union is trying to entice Indian cricketers.

(b) to (d) The Board of Control for Cricket in India has denied having any knowledge of any Indian cricketer receiving an offer from South Africa. As such neither the Government nor the Board have considered it necessary to take any action in the matter.

राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम द्वारा रक्षित भण्डार रखने की योजना

1243. श्रीमती किशोरी सिन्हा :
डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :
श्री बीजू पटनायक :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम ने देश में रक्षित भंडार रखने की एक योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह योजना शुरू करने का विचार किया गया है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने भण्डार को रखने की भण्डारण व्यवस्था कर ली है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खाँ) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) यह योजना पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान तैयार की गई थी और इसे बाढ़ों और सूखे आदि जैसी प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण बीज की मांग में होने वाली अचानक वृद्धि को ध्यान में रखने के उद्देश्य से बनाया गया था।