

Development of Fisheries on Eastern and Western Coasts

7148. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of marine products in 1970-71, State-wise ;

(b) the number of fishing harbours and powered fishing vessels of all varieties being employed on East and West coasts ;

(c) the reasons why East coast is not being properly utilized for production of marine products ; and

(d) the development schemes proposed and those in progress on East and West coasts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Statistics of fish production are maintained on calendar year basis and the latest figures available pertain to the year 1970. The total marine production in 1970 was 10.75 lakh tonnes as compared to 9.12 lakh tonnes in 1969. The State-wise break-up is as follows :—

State/Union Territory	Marine Fish Production in	
	1969	1970
1. Gujarat	82248	89027
2. Maharashtra	168720	182070
3. Mysore	75597	114833
4. Kerala	293774	396733
5. Tamil Nadu	151876	149114
6. Andhra Pradesh	77526	71976
7. West Bengal and Orissa	22299	31425
8. Goa	27559	28000
9. Laccadives	1193	1200
10. Pondicherry	10637	10624
11. Andamans	412	400
Total :	911841	1075402

(b) Self-contained fishing harbours have not so far been provided on the East or West Coast. Existing fishing harbour facilities are on a small scale in the form of jetties, wharves and ramps Such

facilities have been provided at 5 sites on the East Coast and 14 sites on the West Coast. Large self-contained fishing harbours at a cost of Rs. 1.5 to Rs. 5 crores have been sanctioned at three sites on each coast (Bombay, Cochin and Vizhinjom on the West Coast and Madras, Tuticorin and Roychowk on the East Coast). Smaller harbours estimated to cost between Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 25 lakhs have been sanctioned at 6 sites on the West Coast and 2 sites on the East Coast. Facilities on a minor scale at a cost of less than Rs. 1 lakh each have been sanctioned at 44 sites on the West coast.

As at the end of March, 1971, there were 1803 small mechanised boats and 7 deep sea fishing trawlers in operation on the East Coast as compared to 7094 small mechanised boats and 35 deep sea fishing trawlers in operation on the West Coast.

(c) Fishery development on the West Coast has been more rapid on account of comparatively more favourable environmental conditions, more protected landing sites and greater abundance of prawns and shoaling fishes. Oil Sardines, which contribute about 30 per cent of the total catch of fish in India, occurs only on the West Coast. However, the East Coast has considerable resources and steps are being taken to develop marine fisheries on this Coast also.

(d) The fishing harbours sanctioned for the East and West Coasts respectively have been indicated in reply to part (b) of the Question. In addition to the larger harbours which have been sanctioned on the East coast, surveys have been carried out on both coasts by a UNDP assisted project for the purpose of locating suitable sites for development of fishing harbours. Additional fishing harbours are proposed to be provided on both coasts on the basis of the results of these surveys.

Bases for exploration of marine resources have been set up by the Central Government at Bombay and Cochin on the West Coast and Visakhapatnam and Tuticorin on the East Coast. Additional bases are being established at four sites on the West Coast and three sites on the East Coast. The largest vessel in the Central Government's exploratory fleet has been allotted to the Calcutta base for survey of marine resources in the northern part of the Bay of Bengal

which has hitherto been less adequately explored.

The number of powered boats operating on the West Coast is much larger than those operating on the East Coast as indicated in reply to part (b) of the Question. Mechanised fishing is however making headway on the East Coast. The provision for mechanization of fishing craft made in the Fourth Five Year Plans of East Coast States is Rs. 9 crores against the provision of Rs. 10 crores on the West Coast.

For the training of operatives of deep sea fishing vessels the Central Government has established one unit on the West Coast (at Cochin) and on the East Coast (at Madras).

Engagement of Private Consultants Firm for preparing Techno-economic Feasibility Reports for Steel Plants

7149. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have engaged any private Consultants Firm for preparation of Techno-economic Feasibility Reports for Steel Plants in regard to plants already constructed or plants to be constructed in the future ;

(b) if so, the reasons for engaging a private Consultants Firm and the works entrusted to it ; and

(c) the terms and conditions of the contracts in respect of these matters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Assignments given recently to M/s Dastur & Co. (P) Ltd., a Consultancy Firm in the Private Sector, are for the preparation of two Techno-economic Feasibility Reports, one for a 2 million tonnes integrated steel plant at Visakhapatnam, and the other for a 250,000 tonne special steels plant at Salem. Earlier, in 1964, the same firm had prepared for Government, a Preliminary Project Report for a steel plant in the Goa-Hospital region. The main reason for awarding work to this consultancy firm was to make use of the expertise available in the country, to the extent possible, for such assignments.

(c) M/s M. N. Dastur & Co., Pvt. Limited have been requested to prepare the Techno-economic feasibility reports on the Salem and Visakhapatnam Projects, according to the guidelines in the publication issued by the Planning Commission on "Feasibility Studies for Public Sector Projects". For the report on the Salem Project, they have been allowed six months (fee Rs. 3 lakhs) and for the report on the Visakhapatnam Project, nine months (fee Rs. 5 lakhs). For the Preliminary Report for a Steel Plant in the Goa-Hospet Region they were paid Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

Defects in construction of Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur

7150. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted with regard to the defects in the construction of the Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur ;

(b) if so, the finding thereof ; and

(c) the action taken against such responsible for this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c). A small Official Group had looked into certain deficiencies brought to Government's notice by the Chairman, Hindustan Steel Limited. Following the report of this Group, Hindustan Steel Limited are taking necessary remedial measures in consultation with the Equipment Suppliers and their own experts.

Preparation of Project Report for Bokaro Steel Plant by Private Consultant Firm

7151. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether both the USSR and the United States rejected a Draft Project Report for the Bokaro Steel Plant, prepared by a private Consultant Firm ; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the Consultant firm for submitting such a report which caused loss to Government ?