

Request for help in development of fisheries from Iran

7686. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Iran sought technical help from India for the development of fisheries;

(b) whether his Ministry has sent some experts to Iran for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the name, designation and technical qualification of the experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) to (c). Yes, Sir. As part of the agreement of cooperation in many fields between India and Iran, a team of officers was sent to Iran to prepare a programme of assistance for fisheries development in Iran. The team consisted of four officers of which one was a technical expert in fisheries and the others were officers having financial and administrative experience, to assist in drawing up an agreement of assistance. Among them two officers also had experience in fisheries by virtue of their work in that sector in an administrative capacity for a few years.

The names and designations of the officers are given below:—

Name	Designation
1. Shri K. K. Bhatnagar	Dy. Secretary (Admn. and Fisheries) Deptt. of Agriculture.
2. Shri K. S. Bhullar (Late)	Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of Gujarat.
3. Shri M. P. Modi	Dy. Secretary, Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
4. Shri S. B. Mani	General Manager, Gujarat Fisheries Central Co-operative Association, Ahmedabad.

Food position in West Bengal as reported by Chief Minister

7687. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Chief Minister told the press at Darjeeling on 19th February, 1974 that food position in West Bengal is miserable; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) Government of India have seen a press report in which the Chief Minister, West Bengal is stated to have mentioned among their things

about the difficult food situation in the State.

(b) West Bengal Government have represented about the difficult food position in the State and asked for increased allocations of foodgrains. The allotment of foodgrains to West Bengal has been increased.

Funds released for drought affected tribal areas of Orissa

7688. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money so far released by the State of Orissa in the