

**Financial Assistance from Norway**

3026. SHRI NOORUL HUDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Norwegian Government has recently decided to render financial aid in the form of grants to India;

(b) the terms and conditions and quantum of such aid; and

(c) whether it is meant for specific projects and if so, for which projects?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) (a) and (b). The Government of Norway has been extending technical assistance in the form of grants to India for over 20 years. The assistance is extended on an outright grant basis without any particular terms and conditions. For the year 1976 the value of the grant aid offered is Norwegian Kroner 63 million (about Rs. 103 million).

(c) Norwegian assistance is utilized for mutually agreed projects and programmes in such sectors as fisheries

and boatbuilding, family planning, science and technology and forestry and for the supply of commodities like fertilizers and paper.

**Assistance to Cooperative Fishery Schemes**

3027. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount the Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation has given as finances to the cooperative fishery schemes in the States in 1975, State-wise; and

(b) to what extent these cooperative fishery schemes were successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) The Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation have so far sanctioned 17 schemes for fisheries development to be implemented in the various States by the Cooperatives. The position of these schemes as on February 29, 1976 is as under —

(Rs. lakhs)				
State	No. of Schemes	Total Financial Assistance	ARDC Commitments	Loans Drawn upto February 1976
1. Orissa . . . . .	1	39	35	..
2. Goa . . . . .	1	40	36	..
3. Gujarat . . . . .	2	198	179	..
4. Maharashtra . . . . .	3	180	84	78
5. Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	1	58	39	..
6. Karnataka . . . . .	2	208	143	137
7. Kerala . . . . .	3	204	154	48
8. Pondicherry . . . . .	2	47	34	15
9. Tamil Nadu . . . . .	2	104	74	46
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>324</b>