

**Power Fishing Boats**

10. **Shri Ambicibava:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power fishing boats used at present in fisheries off the Kerala coast;

(b) the number of fishing boats owned by actual sea going fishermen for which the State or Central Government has given subsidy;

(c) the number of boats given on subsidy to non-sea going businessmen in the name of sea-going fishermen; and

(d) the number of boats given on subsidy to Cooperative Societies?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) 972.

(b) 665.

(c) Nil.

(d) 146.

**Absorption of Food Department Employees in Food Corporation**

11. **Shri Lakhan Das:**  
**Shri Madhu Limaye:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move to absorb a section of the employees of the Central Food Department in the Food Corporation of India throughout the country;

(b) whether the employees have been asked and whether they have refused to resign from Government service;

(c) whether they have demanded simple transfer to the Food Corporation without break in service or any adverse change in emoluments and conditions of service; and

(d) whether any final decision has been taken in the matter?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon):** (a) As and when different sectors of work under the Food Department are handed over to the Food Corporation of India, the employees of the Food Department directly connected with that sector are also being transferred to the Food Corporation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The terms and conditions governing the transfer of the employees of the Food Department to the Food Corporation of India are still under the consideration of the Government.

**Taichang Native-I Paddy**

12. **Shri R. S. Pandey:**  
**Shri Mohan Nayak:**  
**Shri N. R. Laskar:**  
**Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taichang Native I paddy has been sown in Orissa this year on an extensive scale;

(b) whether this paddy crop has been badly damaged by plant diseases and insect attack;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking timely protective measures; and

(d) the action taken against the persons responsible for this negligence and how it is proposed to avoid such recurrence in future?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) During the Kharif season 1966, Taichang Native-I Paddy was sown in Orissa over an area of 38,000 acres.

(b) The crop was affected in some of the areas by incidence of jassids,