

ment are not ready to enter into this venture ;

(d) whether deep sea fishing scheme of the Kerala Government is paying dividend ; and

(e) if so, why according to Government, it is not possible to achieve similar results in West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No deep sea fishing project has been started in West Bengal.

(b) Permission from Government is not necessary for the Private Sector to start deep sea fishing on a commercial basis except where foreign collaboration is involved. Proposals involving foreign collaboration are considered on merits.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government of Kerala have not taken up any departmental deep sea fishing scheme so far.

The Kerala State Fisheries Corporation are at present operating a few small shrimp trawlers and are proposing to introduce large trawlers for deep sea fishing. The Corporation has not paid any dividend so far.

(e) The exploitation both by the private and public sectors of the shrimp resources close to the coast in Kerala has resulted in rapid development of the fishing industry in that State. While the existence of similar resources around the West Bengal coast has not been established, the surveys so far conducted have given encouraging results. The approach adopted by Government is that the maximum utilisation of available resources should be made, and with this end in view steps have been taken both to ascertain the interest in the private sector in West Bengal in deep sea fishing and to obtain vessels for more intensive surveys.

#### Index of Real Income of Workers

2936. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the index of real income of the workers in India, State-wise, from 1966-67 to 1968-69, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT

AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : Index numbers of real earnings are compiled by deflating the index of money earnings by the consumer price index numbers. As consumer price index numbers are compiled for different centres and not for different States, information about index of real earnings of workers on a State-wise basis is not available.

#### Agricultural Institution in West Bengal

2937. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up an agricultural institution in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and when it is going to be implemented ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Setting up of agricultural institutions is normally the concern of the respective State Governments. The Government of India have not received any such proposal from the Government of West Bengal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Formation of a Federation of Labour

2938. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Study Group of the National Labour Commission has suggested the formation of federation of labour in India ;

(b) the other recommendations of the Study Group ;

(c) whether Government have considered the Report of the Study Group ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (d). Government understand that some of the study groups making such recommendations have submitted their reports to the National