

infections, epizootic ulcerative syndrome and other infections such as white spot and soft shell symptoms. Some of the fish diseases prevalent in the country are given in the Statement attached.

Research on fish diseases has been systematically going on in the Fisheries Research Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and some of the Colleges of Fisheries under the State Agricultural Universities such as (i) Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai; (ii) Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar; (iii) Central Institute of Capture Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore; (iv) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi; and (v) Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai.

Based on the clinical and field level trials, guidelines detailing preventive and therapeutic measures have been issued from time to time. Besides these research institutions also undertake systematic surveys for surveillance and monitoring of the fin and shell fish diseases.

(c) and (d) The research institutions referred to above are already carrying out research on fish diseases. These research activities would be continued and intensified in future.

Statement

Some of the Fish Diseases prevalent in the country

A. Fungal infections

1. Saprolegniasis

B. Bacterial diseases

2. Fin and tail rot
3. Ulcer disease
4. Dropsy
5. Eye disease

C. Protozoan diseases

6. Ichthyophthiriasis
7. Costiasis

D. Worm diseases

8. Gyrodactylosis
9. Diplostomiasis

E. Crustacean diseases

10. Argulosis
11. Lernaeasis

F. 12. Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome (EUS)

13. White spot disease
14. Soft shell syndrome

Crop Insurance Coverage

*287. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have submitted any proposal to formulate a scheme for providing a free insurance coverage to the agricultural crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Requests have been received from State Governments to modify the existing Comprehensive Crop Insurance (CCIS) by enlarging the coverage to more crops and non-loanee farmers and reducing the unit area of implementation. No requests for providing free insurance coverage have, however, been received.

Infiltration through Rajouri and Poonch Districts

*288. SHRI RAMBAHADUR SINGH :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan trained militants have changed their strategy to gain access into the Indian territory to continue their activities in Jammu & Kashmir and are now infiltrating through Rajouri and Poonch districts which were hitherto relatively peaceful; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of the reports and efforts by the Pak trained militants to use Rajouri and Poonch districts for infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir and to indulge in terrorist activities in these