

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Madhya Pradesh	273.25	43.18	3.67	0.00	
10.	Maharashtra	130.63	92.33	743.17	1366.51	
11.	Meghalaya	0.95	0.40	1.16	0.22	
12.	Orissa	467.30	116.85	902.03	759.30	
13.	Tamil Nadu	306.92	1244.87	184.43	54.56	
14.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	
15.	West Bengal	53.32	120.22	130.05	0.00	
16.	A & N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17.	Pondicherry	1.10	42.78	0.00	0.00	
	Total	5095.50	18825.29	5446.19	13199.32	

*Claims for the year 1996-97 shall be known after the receipt of yield data.

Forecasting Information to Fishermen

3697. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to forecast information to the fishermen about the natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to save the fishermen from the natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The India Meteorological Department issues Fishermen's Bulletins regularly four times a day through All India Radio for broadcast in regional languages. During cyclone or depression, these bulletins contain information about (i) its position and direction of movement, (ii) the associate weather in respect of strong winds and state of the sea and (iii) advice to the fishermen not to venture into the sea. Fishermen are also advised during the monsoon season not to venture into the sea as and when there is likelihood of strong winds exceeding 45 kmph, squally weather, gale and very rough sea.

A pilot project for installing shore to boat communication system on fishing vessels, safety equipment, life saving devices and out-board motors for selected beneficiaries have been recently approved for implementation in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

The Department of Ocean Development has also taken up a scheme on Shore to Fishing Vessel Communication System for implementation during the Eighth plan period onwards for demonstrating the usefulness of communication technology for safety of fishermen at sea.

[English]

Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary

3698. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether eighty one rhinos were killed during 1995 and 1996 in Kaziranga wildlife sanctuary by the poachers;

(b) if so, the reasons for not protecting the lives of the wildlife animals in the sanctuary;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this direction; and

(d) the details of other wildlife animals killed by the poachers died of natural deaths in the last three years in the country?