

(a) whether there is an immense scope for rearing fish in Hirakud reservoir and Chilka Lake in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to explore the possibility;

(c) whether any scheme is proposed to be launched shortly;

(d) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to Orissa in this regard ; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to optimise the fish yield from this reservoir and lake in Orissa.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute (CICFRI) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recently carried out the survey of fisheries potential of Hirakud reservoir. The per hectare yield of fish production of the reservoir is low against the State level and national level average. Area along the Chilka lake in the districts of Ganjam average. Area along the Chilka lake in the districts of Ganjam and Puri is being developed for prawn farming under Centrally Sponsored Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agency Scheme.

(c) to (e). On the basis of CICFRI report on Hirakud reservoir, State Government of Orissa has been requested to formulate a scheme in consultation with National Cooperative Development Corporation for the development of fisheries in the reservoir.

### **Mushroom Production**

1570: SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great scope for increasing mushroom production in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction so far;

(c) whether the Government have any specific proposal to give a boost to mushroom cultivation in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Government of India with Dutch assistance has established infrastructure facilities for production of mushroom in the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka. A Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 15 lakhs has been proposed to boost mushroom cultivation in the potential states during 1992-93.

### **NDDB Projects in Orissa**

1571. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) propose to set up some projects in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the places where these projects are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the National