

Some explosive material has also been recovered/seized.

Similar information for March 1990, is awaited from the Government of Punjab.

(b) It is not possible to make any exact assessment of the extent of arms and ammunitions available with them.

(c) The security agencies are organising regular raids at the suspected hide-outs of the terrorists/extremists and their associates for the purpose.

#### **Floating Fish Farms**

6778. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to promote the concept of floating fish farms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to promote this concept under the Eighth Five Year Plan to augment the food resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c). Floating fish farms or floating cages are used for fish seed rearing in tanks at high densities and for raising table size fish in reservoirs using supplementary feed.

Pre-fabricated plastic cages are used presently for rearing seed in some of the States such as Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, etc. Feasibility studies have also been carried out on cage culture of fish in reservoirs by some of the State Governments such as Kerala and Goa through foreign assistance. Research and development studies are being carried out at the Central Fisheries Research

Institutes under ICAR on culture of table size fish.

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#### **Fertilizer Plants in Madhya Pradesh**

6779. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants which remained closed during the year 1989-90;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of fertilizer plants functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present and the total production capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b). One unit licensed to produce Ammonium Chloride at Varanasi remained closed down during the entire year due to financial constraints. Besides, 10 other units also remained shutdown for different periods on account of power-cuts, equipment break-downs, industrial relations problems, shortage of imported phosphoric acid and ammonia etc.

(c) There are eight fertilizer plants functioning in Madhya Pradesh with total annual installed capacity of 3,40,700 tonnes of Nitrogen, and 82,800 tonnes of Phosphates.

#### **Electronic Exchange at Unnao District**

6780. SHRI ANWAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install an electronic telephone exchange in Unnao district and if so, the details of the effective steps being taken by Government in this regard; and