

May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the State Governments which have got trawlers for developing deep sea fishing within their limits or fishing in their own State area have moved over to Vizag as most of the fishing companies throughout India have now gone to Vizag where over-fishing is taking place and the fishermen there are not as active as the fishermen in Kerala because the over-fishing boats cannot operate in Kerala Waters. Regarding Part (c) of your answer, may I know from the Hon. Minister when he said that a small group has been constituted to go into all these details, will he also consider that the SDFG loan which is to be extended for another 3 months may be extended for one year so that all the backlog is also cleared?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : It is under review.

(Interruptions)

PROF. P. J. KURIEN : It has been reported that the fish catch is on the decline especially in the Western Coast. I hope the Minister is also aware of this. He has made a hint of this in the answer. I would like to know whether a study has been conducted on the reasons for this? Is it due to over-exploitation of the resources and that leads to depletion of our valuable resources and in that case what conservation measures you are taking for keeping up our resources and for better resource management.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : I can say that there is a marginal decline this year. But this question pertains about the assistance to the deep-sea finishing .... (Interruptions). It is not over-exploitation. There is a marginal decline, I can say, which is due to a number of reasons. There is no evidence at present to prove that this is because of the more number of Trawlers which are fishing in this area and, therefore, there is over-exploitation, you can say, and therefore there is a 'decline'. There is a slight decline, a marginal decline. But it cannot be said 'decline' also.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

Financial assistance to U.P. for Soyabean Development Project

\*934. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from Government of Uttar Pradesh for securing financial assistance from the International Fund for Agricultural Development for Integrated Soyabean Development Project ; and

(b) if so, the total estimated cost thereof and the action taken by Government in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA). (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. A proposal entitled "Integrated Development of Soyabean in Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh" has been received from Uttar Pradesh Government, for posing to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), for financial assistance. The proposal is for Rs. 4631.57 lakhs which entails Rs. 84.15 lakhs in foreign exchange.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has been requested to provide certain further details to enable the Government of India to process the matter.

DR. CHANDR SHEKHARA TRIPATHI : Sir, may I know the date on which this proposal was submitted by the U.P. Government to the Central Government? What were the clarifications sought by the Centre and how many of them have since been received?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have got with me all the information, but I am afraid it will make the reply unnecessarily long. This proposal is for the hills of Uttar Pradesh. In the first instance, it was referred to the Agricultural Finance Corporation, Bombay. The proposal includes some foreign exchange component about which we have asked from the State Government. The State Govern-

ment has in turn sent it to N.C.B.C. We have sought some clarifications from them. As long as these clarifications are not received, it is difficult to say anything about it.

**DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI:** Sir, there is malnutrition and protein deficiency in almost all the States of the country and Uttar Pradesh tops the list. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether in view of the problem of malnutrition or protein deficiency in the districts like Basti, Gorakhpur, etc. of eastern Uttar Pradesh, the Central Government are executing any scheme to increase cultivation of soyabean or to extract oil, etc. therefrom?

My second supplementary is that the Central Government supply mini kits to the State Governments to increase production of different commodities. Among pulses, soyabean has the maximum content of protein. I would like to know whether the Government have prepared any programme for the distribution of mini kits to increase production of soyabean?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA:** Assistance to the State Governments is given and mini kits distributed under the Oilseeds Development Project. We distribute these mini kits at places where there is even very small potential of soyabean cultivation. There are 8 hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh where soyabean is extensively grown. A processing plant for soyabean is also to be set up there. Already, we have one such processing plant there. Even in other districts, where the farmers want to grow soyabean under dry land farming, the Government of India gives assistance and it is our endeavour to distribute mini kits there also.

**SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA:** Just now, the Hon. Minister has stated that

soyabean processing plants are being set up in areas where soyabean is being grown and production thereof has increased. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether in view of the increase in the production of soyabean during the last 4 or 5 years, necessary capacity in the processing plant has been installed and if not, what action is being taken in this regard?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA:** As of now, we do have matching installed capacity in the processing plants. At some places, the installed capacity is more than the production. But our farmers are doing cultivation of soyabean and we are making efforts to increase its production even in the areas where dry land farming is practised, because it is a good source of oil.

[English]

Strike notice by the C.P.W.D. Junior Engineers Association

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\*835. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :  
SHRI MATILAL HANSDA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Junior Engineers Association of the CPWD has served a notice for one-day token strike on 6 May, 1986 and an indefinite strike from 4 June, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and the action Government contemplate to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.