

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 6.71 lakhs.

(c) and (d) : Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Government have sanctioned small landing centres mainly for the benefit of traditional fishermen at the following places during the Sixth Plan :—

	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Sabelia	2.42
2. Chudamani	14.07
3. Pathara	2.50

Construction of fishing jetties at Sabelia and Chudamani is nearing completion. Preliminary work for the construction of fishing jetty at Pathara is in progress.

#### Production of Bajra per Hectare

\*816. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether per hectare yield of Bajra was 632 Kg. in 1970-71, 544 kg, in 1975-76 and 472 kg. in 1983-84 ; if so, reasons for this decline in performance ;

(b) the highest yield obtained in the country ;

(c) the per hectare yield of Bajra in 1984-85 ; and

(c) whether Government will revamp its Research and Development Wing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL

DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The per hectare yield of bajra was 622 Kgs in 1970-71, 496 Kgs in 1975-76 and 646 Kgs in 1983-84. Thus, the productivity in 1983-84 has been higher than that in the earlier years.

(b) The highest yield obtained in the country so far is 646 Kgs. per hectare in 1983-84.

(c) Final estimates of area and production of bajra for 1984-85 have not yet been received from all the States. As such, it is not possible to indicate the productivity of Bajra in 1984-85.

(d) Research and Development Wing of the Government is continually geared to increase the productivity of all agricultural crops including bajra.

#### Techniques to Reduce Cost of Pepper Production

817. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under their consideration proposals for undertaking a research project to involve preservation and processing techniques and finding out new uses of pepper, for involving methods and techniques to reduce cost of pepper cultivation and for financing pepper production and trade ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has under consideration a proposal to set-up a National Research Centre for Spices in the VII Five Year Plan. Pepper would be the major crop. The work relating to preservation and technological aspects pertains to