

years their assistance is reduced every year. May I know whether the World Bank has expressed the desire to give assistance for this Programme to our country?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, these are the gift commodities and on our request the E.E.C. is supplying these commodities to the National Dairy Development Board and earlier it was I.D.C., for generating money for the expansion of dairies in the cooperative sector. So it all depends upon the request and the availability there and the desire to give, and the grant given by them.

About the World Bank loan and EEC both, it depends upon our request and availability at their end. And they decide as to how much they have to give to us. We cannot dictate the terms to the donors. It is for the donors to decide how much and to what extent, our request can be acceded.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Was our demand not there or they have reduced the supply?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: They have not reduced it. It is according to our request.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Is it a fact that the food product supplied by F.C.C. had suffered from radiation? There was a news-item six months back that the powder supplied by EEC had suffered from radiation and it would not be better for us to distribute it. May I know, whether the Government has held any inquiry in this regard and if so, what arrangements have been made?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Yes, there were some news-items in the Press. It is because of the Chernobyl incident. The Butter Oil etc., which are received from EEC are subjected to test by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. Even then, there were some court cases and the matter is *sub judice*. It is still not decided. The consignment which is received is nearly 400 metric tonnes of butter. The unused portion is still lying. It is not distributed.

Operation of Foreign Chartered Fishing Trawlers

*239. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of experts has been constituted to advise on areas where foreign chartered fishing trawlers can operate; and

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). A Statement is given below.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Composition:

STATEMENT

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| (1) | Dr. D. Sudarsan,
Deputy Director General,
Fishery Survey of India (FSI),
Bombay. | Chairman |
| (2) | Dr. V.S. Somvanshi,
Senior Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (3) | Shri K.N.V. Nair,
Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (4) | Shri E.M. John,
Fisheries Scientist,
FSI. | Member |
| (5) | Shri Antony Joseph,
Computer Programmer,
FSI. | Member |
| (6) | Shri T.E. Sivaprakasam,
Zonal Director,
FSI. | Member-
Convener |

Terms of Reference:

- (i) The spatial distribution of the

known fishery potential on the basis of fishery survey so far carried out by FSI in the Indian EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone).

- (ii) Distribution of the fishery potential by depth and distance at 10 Km. intervals from 0-200 Kms. The resources to be indicated both qualitatively and quantitatively by depth and distance.
- (iii) Economic viability of fishing in the area beyond 50-100 miles.

SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Andhra Pradesh has got a long coastal line. I would like to know, how many fishing trawlers have been utilised for maximum exploitation in the coastal areas.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: You mean, how many are in operation? At present, there are more than 114 trawlers under operation.

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: May I know from the hon. Minister the number of tawlers, foreign trawlers that had been caught poaching in our region?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: There are 4 or 5 cases of violation of the terms and conditions of charter. But so far as poaching is concerned, it is the Coast Guard who are apprehending them and seizing the vessels. The court cases are also made. But the vessels are seized and their catches are also seized.

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: There is a lot of potential around Andaman

and Nicobar Islands for exploitation of sea resources. So, what steps the Government is taking to deploy more fishing trawlers to catch the Tuna fish that is abundantly available near Nicobar Islands?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: There are certain areas in our waters which are restricted and some areas near Andaman & Nicobar also are restricted because of the strategic reasons.

Improvement in rice production due to introduction of new device

*240. SHRI S.M. GURADDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new device has been found to improve rice seeds; and

(b) if so, the details of the new device that has helped in improving rice yield and to what extent it has been introduced in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A new device called "Hybrid rice", is reported to improve rice seed yields.

(b) The device involves exploitation of F1 hybrid vigour by intermating particular combinations of male sterile and pollinator lines of rice grown in the field in certain row proportions. This device is presently at various stages of development, testing and perfection.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

News item captioned Air India facing capacity shortage

*228. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the daily "The Times of India" dated 4 October, 1987 under the caption "Air India Facing Capacity Shortage"?

(b) whether Air India will have to discontinue its services for several countries due to this shortage;

(c) if so, the names of those countries and the loss of foreign exchange likely due