

and Time-passing'. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would institute a Committee to enquire into the alleged mal-practices of corruption and inefficiency prevalent in the N.C.E.R.T. and also suggest remedial measures for implementation in order to prevent the waste in crores of rupees of our country.

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** Sir, it is true that Government have received complaints, various types of complaints regarding corruption, non-use of books, administrative deficiencies, malpractices, mis-functioning and what not. We are looking into the matter and if necessary, we may institute an enquiry.

**श्री डी. पी. यादव :** अध्यक्ष जी, एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. से 3 साल पहिले मेरा भी सम्बन्ध था। मंत्री जी इसे किसी आलोचना के रूप में न लें, सुझाव के तौर पर ही लें। एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. पर हमारे जमाने में करीब-करीब 9 करोड़ रुपये खर्च प्लान और नान-प्लान का था और अब शायद यह 11, 12 करोड़ का हो गया है। इतनी बड़ी राशि आप एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. पर खर्च कर रहे हैं। जितना खर्चा 6 यूनिवर्सिटीज पर इस देश में होता है, उतना आप इस एक संस्था पर कर रहे हैं। मैं अपने लड़के की किताब देख रहा था, जहां तक पब्लिकेशन का मुद्दा है, जो किताब एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. हमारे जमाने में 4 रुपये में छापती थी, वह किताब आज प्राइवेट पब्लिशर 14 रुपये में छाप रहा है। क्या आपके मंत्रालय के अधिकारियों ने एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. को कहा कि उनका जो मुख्य काम मैनस्क्रिप्ट तैयार करना है और उसको छापना है, वह कम्पे, और देश में सारे बच्चों को सस्ते दामों पर किताबें सप्लाई करें ?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** No doubt, the books are written by N.C.E.R.T.; books are published also. But it also happens that every couple of years or one year the subject is changed, the curriculum is changed, and the books become non-usable under the circumstances.

**श्री डी. पी. यादव :** क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात से सहमत हैं कि वह एन. सी. ई. आर. टी. से किताबें छपवाकर सस्ते दामों पर देश के बच्चों को देंगे ?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** N.C.E.R.T. is meant for that.

### **Impact of Hike in High Speed Diesel Price on Fishing Industry**

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**SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHY:**

Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sea fishing industry in India which had a very poor season during 1979-80 feels crippled due to the 50 per cent increase in the prices of high-speed diesel oil and have represented to the Minister in this regard;

(b) whether the Indian fisheries industry is 100 per cent export oriented and has to operate in enormously competitive international market;

(c) the other points made by them in their representation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help the industry?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):** (a) The Association of Indian Fishery Industries has represented against the increase in the prices of High-Speed Diesel Oil.

(b) No, Sir. Only about 7 per cent of total marine catch is utilized for exports.

(c) Reduced catches, drop in international prices and inability to pass on the increased cost on fuel to overseas buyers, are the other main points made in the representation.

(d) The representations are being examined in consultation with the concerned ministries.

**SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:** Any way, it is admitted that the price hike of diesel oil has a considerable impact on fishing industry. Our country has two million square kilometres of marine zone whereas our country is presently having only 70 fishing boats. In view of this, I would like to know if there is any proposal from the Government to improve the strength of the fishing boats so that the fishing industry could be improved.

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** We have proposals to augment the number of fishing vessels. Vast fishing resources are available in our coasts. We have got many proposals in the public sector as also private sector.

**SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:** Recently nearly 100 fishing boats at Malpe in Karnataka were lost due to a fire accident. I would like to know what action the Government has taken in this behalf. Secondly, is it a fact that a Japanese firm is prepared to supply fishing boats at a very reasonable rate? If so, what is the reaction of the Government?

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** For both these questions, I require a notice.

**SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH:** I wish the Minister had given a more categorical and detailed reply to the proposal and the problems facing the fishing industry. Is it a fact that the major problems confronting the fishing industry today are: one, lack of information, no mapping and charting of the fish migration routes in the off-shore areas, and two, over-fishing and over-exploitation? To counteract these problems is the Government aware that two important steps need to be taken; one augmenting deep sea trawlers so that you can go into deeper waters and two, to do more prawn culture in the coastal areas? Prawn is a very important export item.

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** We have got a proposal to have a survey in the ocean for this. It is true that the prawns and shrimps have very valuable market in the foreign countries and we have got a great export potential. We are, therefore endeavouring to do better in this regard.

**SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA:** The question relates to fishing boats which use diesel engines and diesel oil. The hon. Minister's reply is that about 7 per cent of the total marine catch is utilised for exports. May I know whether hundred per cent catches of the fishing boats which are mechanised and which go into deep sea are exported or not? If so, if it is more than 7 per cent, as the hon. Minister suggested, what are the incentives that the government are trying to give to encourage this industry?

**SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:** It is true that we are increasing fishing facilities to have more catches in the sea. We are increasing our Indian Trawlers to bring more catch and also by giving more incentives.

#### Suspension of Food for Work Programme in Bihar

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\*722. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

SHRI A. K. ROY:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar State Government has decided to stop Food for Work Programme in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether thousands of landless farm labourers have become unemployed following this stoppage; and

(d) if so, the Union Government's reaction thereto?