

SHRI A.C. DAS : The proposal for the Bhimkund project has been pending for a long time. We are demanding this project since 1971. Several times, the questions have been raised in Parliament. May I know from the hon. Minister why is the Government delaying the construction of this project ?

SHRI HARINATHA MISRA : As already mentioned by me, if at all possible, it will be included in the Seventh Plan. The shape and size of the Seventh Plan is yet to be finalised. How can I assure that this project will be sanctioned ?

SHRI A.C. DAS : May I know whether the Government has taken any policy decision to include this project in the Seventh Plan or not ?

SHRI HARINATHA MISRA : About a thing which is in a fluid state, no Minister can possibly assure that it is going to be included in the Seventh Plan. Nobody knows yet whether the Seventh Plan will include such projects or not. So, it is not possible for me to give an answer to this.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI : May I know from the hon. Minister how many times this project has been submitted by the State Government to the Centre and how many times it has been examined in the C.W.P.C. ? This is not the question of the Seventh Plan. It has been under consideration since the Fifth Plan.

MR. SPEAKER : That is why he said that it was not possible for him to say anything. Don't you see the reason, why ?

Per Capita Consumption of Fish

*326. **SHRI HARISH KUMAR GANGWAR :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the per-capita consumption of fish in the country as compared to its consumption in other countries ;

(b) the measures being taken by Government to increase per capita consumption of

fish ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) On the basis of 1975-77 averages, the per capita annual consumption of fish in India was 3.2 kg. against the world average of 12.3 kg.

(b) and (c). Government have taken steps to popularise fish and fish products through better marketing and diversification of product. Fish culture in ponds, tanks and reservoirs has been encouraged to increase the availability of fish to the local population. Cold storages and appropriate distribution system suited for a perishable commodity like fish have been developed.

For increasing fish production and thereby raising the per capita consumption of fish, Government have taken steps to develop fish culture on scientific lines in inland waters, brackish water farming in coastal area and better exploitation of the marine fishery resources.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Estimate of the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme for Kerala

*315. **SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR :** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala have requested for sanctioning of the revised estimate of the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Chief Engineer, Public