

more residential accommodation in Calcutta and other places also.

Agreement with Poland on Co-operation in Marine Fisheries

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*984. SHRI P. GANGADEB :

SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Poland have signed an agreement on co-operation in Marine Fisheries between the two countries; and

(b) if so, main features of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement provides for co-operation in selected fisheries sectors as mutually agreed upon. Joint ventures will also be within the scope of co-operation. There is also provision in the Agreement for the Polish Government to provide to India scientific and technical assistance and training to personnel in marine fisheries development.

SHRI P. GANGADEB : Which are the other countries which have expressed their willingness to assist India in building up a modern marine fishery industry and whether some of them have also made proposals for strengthening our fishing fleet ? What is Government's reaction in the matter ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : Apart from this agreement with Poland we are having the Indo-Norwegian project for development of fisheries, some training programmes, surveys etc. The Government of India have an open mind on this. Modern fisheries is a highly complicated subject. I hope the hon. Member will also appreciate that there is a security

aspect also and the Government has to be careful while entering into collaboration agreements with any party.

SHRI P. GANGADEB : In view of fisheries having great export potential have the Government given any consideration to opening up of modern fisheries in the Orissa coast with collaboration from Poland or other countries who have the know-how and if so, what is the line of thinking of the Government in this matter ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : The hon. Member asks about the development of fisheries in the eastern coast; this is one of the items on which the Government is seized. We are trying to develop fishing harbours in Orissa but it is for the Orissa Government to take some initiative and the Government of India will try to be helpful.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : May I know whether Government has any proposal to modernise fishing in Bengal, south of the Sunderbans area ?

MR. SPEAKER : This is about signing of an agreement between India and Poland.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : In the light of acute shortage of fish which is a very valuable protein food in the domestic market of this country and the extra or additional availability of fish which will follow, I presume, from such agreements, may I know whether these extra supplies are going to benefit the domestic consumers at all or they are going to be made available for export purposes only ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : Naturally we produce for both export and domestic consumption . . . (*Interruptions*)

SHRI D. D. DESAI : Will the hon. Minister give details of the implementation of the Indo-Polish agreement ? I want to

know whether fishing vessels or trawlers would be built here or would be supplied from Poland and if they have already been supplied, how have they been distributed?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : The agreement has been signed only recently. It is proposed to import some deep sea fishing vessels and also to construct some with Polish assistance and to have joint collaboration ventures in deep-sea fishing.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : According to the agreement are arrangements going to be made for tuna-fishing near Laccadive waters?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : We are aware that Laccadive waters are one of the very good areas and we shall explore the possibilities.

DR. MAHIPATRAY MEHTA : Pakistan is extending its limit to fifty miles because this area is one of the richest breeding ground for various types of fish. May I know how this agreement is going to be worked out in this area?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : We know that Pakistan is extending its limit; the Government of India is considering the particular aspect of the problem.

SHRI B. S. MURTHY : I would like to know the areas where the Polish collaboration will be working.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : I have already submitted the lines on which the Polish collaboration possibilities would be explored. There is no specific proposal for the same. What the hon. Member asked is a subject-matter of a detailed discussion.

MR. SPEAKER : S.Q. No. 985—Shri Sarjoo Pandey—Absent. S.Q. No. 986—Shri Hemendra Singh Banera.—Absent.

Shortage of Raw Movie Films and other Audio-Visual Equipment for Extension Programmes in M.P.

* 987. **SHRI NARENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that for the smooth running of extension programmes in Madhya Pradesh acute shortage of raw movie films and other audio-visual equipments like specialised buses is being experienced;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to meet the shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c). No complaint regarding shortage of raw stock of films has so far been received from Madhya Pradesh State Department of Agriculture. Supplies of raw cinematic films can be obtained by any State Government by placing an indent with the D.G.S. & D., New Delhi on the terms prescribed by them. All the State Departments of Agriculture were requested as far back as 26th July, 1971, to intimate the Ministry of Agriculture of any difficulty in preparation of instructional/publicity films for furtherance of agricultural development.

Specialised buses which are actually Mobile Publicity-cum-Exhibition Vans have been provided to three Farmers' Training Centres at Jabalpur, Indore and Powarkheda in Madhya Pradesh. The proposal for procurement of another Mobile Publicity-cum-Exhibition Van for the State Department of Agriculture at the State Headquarters is under the active consideration of the Government of India.