

Fish Production

*738 SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target of fish production at the end of the Fifth Plan period in comparison to production of fish at the end of the Fourth Plan period, State-wise; and

(b) action being taken to achieve the target State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10818/76.]

SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: India with its 5500 km long coastline is very rich in fish population and is equally rich in inland water resources for pisciculture. No doubt an account of the planned programme state-wise for all the states had been given by the hon. Minister in his statement. This is no doubt an encouraging hint for the augmentation of fish production. Certain schemes are already in operation. I want to know the progress made so far in the implementation of the said projects in order to reach the fifth plan targets and in (a) setting up of fish farm agencies in the states and the progress made in the states to educate fishermen in modern methods of fish-catching and to provide loans for the fishing industry and (b) the progress made in setting up trawler development fund.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I have given a number of details in the statement which I have laid on the Table of the House. By and large the programmes are going very well, whether it is a small fish farm or a big one. At the moment they have been set up in about eight or nine states. But precise information is not available with me. About the development of inland fisheries and harbours, all details have been given in the statement and if the

hon. Member is interested, I am prepared to furnish him more details.

SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: As I have already stated, our country is having a long coastline and it is reported that it has abundant fish resources but till now no systematic survey for exploitation of the fish resources have been made except in certain areas of the southwest coast. In order to reach the the Fifth Plan target is there any programme to make a survey....

MR. SPEAKER: Have you read the statement?

SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: No.

MR. SPEAKER: That is why you are asking these questions, you must first read the statement.

SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO: I want to know whether any survey is going to be made with assistance from the United Nations or World Bank financial assistance.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: It will not be correct to say that surveys have not been made. Their adequacy, one can question. Further surveys are under consideration.

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: You know how much Bengal is interested in fish. The figure given in the statement is not correct. It is to some extent inflated. May I know whether he can give us the breakup of the fresh water, brackish water and marine water fish as well as the composite culture which he advocated so much. May I know whether the capital expenditure in the budget for pisciculture is equivalent to the expenditure that has been incurred on the salaries of the officers concerned. I also want to know further whether in the Calcutta market prawn is at present selling at Rs. 45-55 a kilo which is beyond the reach of a common man. May I ask the hon. Minister to give some consideration to this problem so that some ban is put on prawns being exported at the cost of our people?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Perhaps the breakup which the hon. Member wants is with the state government; it is not readily available with me and if the hon. Member is interested, I will ask the state government to furnish the details to him. Prawns bring us very valuable foreign exchange and they constitute a small part of the total fish landing in our country, about 40,000 tonnes out of 23 lakh tonnes. In the interest of the economy of our country, we should like to permit export of prawns and we can in our country consume other kinds of fish that are available.

श्री कमला मिश्र "नवकर": इस बयान में कहा गया है बिहार में फिशरीज के विकास के लिये पांचवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में 250 लाख रु० की व्यवस्था की गई है। बिहार में दरभंगा और चम्पारन जिलों की रोहू मछली प्रसिद्ध है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इन बातों की जांच की कोई व्यवस्था की गई है कि मछली के विकास के लिये जो स्कॉम बनाई गई है, वह सही माने में इम्प्लीमेंट हो रही है या नहीं। आम तौर पर देख जाय है कि जो पैसा मछली के विकास के लिये रखा जाता है, वह अधिकारियों के वेतन आदि पर खर्च हो जाता है। इसी लिये मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह धरणा सही माने में मछली के विकास पर खर्च होगा, जिससे मछली के उत्पादन में वृद्धि होगी।

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: There is no difficulty about planning the plan outlay. The main difficulty in Bihar is that the loans which are given to fisherman are not on long term basis. So the development activities cannot be taken up. We have advised the Bihar Government to give preference to the Fishermen Co-operatives on long term basis in the matter of giving loans.

Opening of Schools in Delhi

*741. **SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to open more schools in the Union Territory of Delhi during the current year. and

(b) if so, number of Higher Secondary Schools and Middle Schools to be opened and their break-up according to localities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Delhi Administration proposes to open during the current year 15 Higher Secondary Schools and 10 Middle Schools. The names and locations of the 13 Higher Secondary Schools and 9 Middle Schools which have been opened with effect from 1-5-1976 are given below:—

Higher Secondary Schools

1. Government Co-Educational Higher Secondary School, J. J. Colony, Tagore Garden.
2. Government Girls Hr. Secondary School, Chand Nagar.
3. Government Girls Hr. Secondary School, C. Block, Janakpuri.
4. Government Co-Edu. Hr. Sec School, Khayala.
5. Government Co-Edu. Hr. Sec. School, Anand Vas, Shakarpur.