

a pressure in the United States which has resulted even in their threat of cancellation of PL 480 import under new agreement of half a million tonnes. Is he or is he not for the sake of national pride going to abandon the scheme of accepting half a million tonnes under PL 480?

**SHRI VASANT SATHE:** He has produced 7 million tonnes extra.

**SHRI B. V. NAIK:** If you go through the statement accompanying the reply, you would find that they are still going to import foodgrains.

**SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE:** Sir, I have sought for your protection on this. What I have said is that some import will be necessary during 1976. But it is not feasible at this stage to indicate the quantum that will have to be imported nor it will be in the public interest to give this figure. So, I would again seek your protection and request the hon Member not to insist on this. After all, import programme are not determined on the basis of production during a particular year.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Fish Production

\*102. **SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing available quantum of fish can meet the demands of the people; and

(b) if not, reasons for exporting fish when the people's demands are more?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):** (a) and (b). The production of fish in India, according to the latest estimate, is over 2.6 million tonnes. The demand within the country is particularly in respect of fresh

water varieties whose production is 0.87 million tonnes. With a view to increasing production of fresh water varieties short-term and long-term measures have been taken by the Government.

The export of fish had been limited to low volume, high priced marine fishery products. The raw material used on export accounts only for 4 per cent of the total fish production, while the foreign exchange earning from these exports is expected to be about Rs. 100 crores during this year.

#### Participation of youth and students in implementation of 20-Point Economic Programme

\*104. **SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any popular machinery at various levels to induct the positive support and participation of students and youth in the implementation of the 20-Point Economic Programme of the Prime Minister;

(b) whether the Indian Youth Congress, All India Youth Federation and National Union of Students of India jointly submitted a memorandum some time back suggesting the setting up of Youth and Students Committees at all levels; and

(c) if so, the reactions thereon?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV):** (a) The 20-Point Economic Programme is being implemented mainly by the State Governments and Union Territories Administrations and they are devising suitable machinery to enlist the active participation of all sectors of society concerned including students and youth.