

Government's reply to the Unstarred Question No. 983 does not indicate that it is intended to advance the dates of confirmation of the Assistant Engineers who have already been confirmed. Hence the question of indicating the target for doing so does not arise.

#### Veraval Port

\*795. SHRI D. P. JADEJA:

SHRI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Veraval Port of Gujarat State has been declared as a fishing port;

(b) the names and number of big Monopoly Houses who have been allowed to do business in fishing there; and

(c) steps taken for the safety of the business of small fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c): State Government has declared Veraval Port as a fishing port. M/s. Delhi Cloth Mills Ltd. has been issued a letter of intent to set up fish processing facilities at Veraval with an annual capacity of 3,000 tonnes. M/s. Konkan Fisheries (Private) Ltd., a subsidiary of M/s. Chougule & Co., has applied for a licence for the establishment of fish processing facilities at Veraval, Tuticorin, or Kakinada/Vishakhapatnam or Gopalapuram with a total capacity of 3,050 tonnes. This is under consideration.

Government have under consideration measures to demarcate fishing zones between small boats and trawlers to protect the interests of small fishermen.

#### Nans by Modern Bakeries

\*799. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:  
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nan now being made by the Modern Bakeries will become more

attractive to the hotel owners than the common man because of its high price;

(b) whether before launching production a proper market survey was undertaken to ensure its public acceptability and if so, what plus points were available at the time when the Nan production was taken in hand; and

(c) what has been the market reaction to this new product and what steps are being taken to introduce more items which will be within the easy reach of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) No, Sir, The price of a packet containing two Nans weighing 100 gms. each is 90 paise, which is lower than the unpacked Nan being sold in eating places in Delhi. According to present indications it is mostly being purchased by consumers direct from the retail points.

(b) Acceptability trials and consumer survey was undertaken by the Company for about three months before launching the product. Modern Nan was found to be cheaper than competitive products available in the market even at the way-side common man's eating places. Consumers also appreciated its hygienic presentation and acceptability as a convenience food.

(c) This new product has so far been well accepted in the market and within a few days of its introduction, sales developed to 20,000 Nans per day. Trials are now being conducted for producing other varieties including wholemeal Nan etc.

#### Agitation by Delhi University and College Karmachari Union

\*800. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University and College Karmachari Union has decided to start agitation in support of their demand; and

(b) if so, the demands they pressed for and the Government's decision thereon?