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LOK SABHA

Monday, April 24, 1972/Vaisakha 4, 1894 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Agreement with USS.R for supply of deep sea Fishing Vessels

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*521. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA . SHRI RAMKANWAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an agreement between the Governments of India and U.S.S.R. for the supply of deep sea fishing vessels have been reached recently and if so, the main features thereof;
- (b) the total amount in foreign exchange to be paid for the purchase of these vessels; and
- (c) the estimated foreign exchange to be earned by India as a result of fishing by these vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा: अध्यक्ष जी, यद्यि सोवियत सरकार से इस सम्बन्ध में कोई समझौना न होने की सूचना कृषि मंत्री ने दी है पर प्रश्न यह है : (अध्यक्षान) ... अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप प्रश्न कीजिए।

श्री नव १ किशोर शर्मा : प्रश्न ही कर रहा है। मैं निवेदन कर रहा था कि पववर्षीय योजना में जो हमारे टागेंट्स है फिशिंग के उनको पूरा करने के लिए और डीप मी फिशिंग वेसल्स की जो हमारे यहा नमी है उसके बारे में सरकार क्या करने जा रही है ?

MR SPFAKTR: The question was specific whether there has been an agreement with the USSR for the import of these vessels and whether any foreign exchange was sanctioned for the same, and he has answered that there is no such agreement and the question of foreign exchange does not arise. If he wants to ask another question, he may give notice.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: फारेन एवगचेज से रिलेटेड इमलिए है कि Forcign exchange cannot be carned without proper deep sea fishing vessels. For that, what is the Agriculture Ministry doing ?. This is a very important question.

MR SPFAKER: He asked about foreign exchange for the purchase of these vessels. When the vessels are not to be purchased where is the question of foreign exchange arising?

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Part (c) relates to the earning of foreign exchange. That would imply the import of such vessels.

MR SPEAKER: No, I am not going to allow it.

Fall in the Growth Rate of Consumption of Fertiliser

- *522 SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether his attention has been drawn