

[English]

Coordination with MPEDA

2070. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any coordination between MPEDA and Department of Fisheries in relation of fish farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of joint projects undertaken; and

(c) whether the Department of Fisheries is aware of the project for demonstration-cum-training centre forwarded by MPEDA to DBT for Sindhudurg district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir. There is coordination between the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Fisheries Division of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC).

(b) The Fisheries Development Commissioner of DAC is a Member of MPEDA. Similarly the Chairman, MPEDA, is a Member of the Central Board of Fisheries, in DAC.

There are no joint projects between the Fisheries Division of the DAC and MPEDA for development of aquaculture.

(c) The MPEDA submitted a proposal to the Department of

Biotechnology (DBT) for setting up of a demonstration-cum-training centre in Sindhudurg district. Since this is not a Research & Development project, MPEDA is being advised by DBT to approach Biotech Consortium India Ltd., (BCIL). DBT would provide the necessary help in negotiating this proposal with BCIL.

New Variety of Seeds

2071. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE:

SHRI SOBHANADREES-
WARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new improved varieties of paddy, wheat and pulses have been developed in the country from January 1990 to January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to make the seeds of these new improved varieties widely available for the production;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which improved varieties of the seeds will be made available to the farmers for their use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 38 varieties of Paddy, 16 of wheat and 38 of pulses have been released and notified during this period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Action plan consists of production of breeder seed and its further multiplication into foundation and certified seeds.

(e) Normally after the release of variety certified seed is available to the farmers in three years.

[*Translation*]

Central Pool for Foodgrains

2072. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains contributed by each State in the Central pool during 1993-94;

(b) the details of the foodgrains (wheat and rice) supplied to the States during this period; and

(c) the gap between the procurement and supply of foodgrains during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The state-wise procurement of foodgrains during 1993-94 (upto 3rd March) is enclosed (*Statement-I*).

(b) State-wise allotment and offtake of foodgrains wheat and rice during 1993-94 upto January, 1994 is also enclosed (*Statement-II*).

(c) Procurement of foodgrains forms the basis of buildup of foodgrains stocks in Central Pool. Allocations of foodgrains to States/Union territories are made out of stocks in Central pool on a month to month basis, on the basis of demands received from the States/Union Territories, their relative needs, market availability, offtake trends and other related matters. Allocations of foodgrains are not intended to meet the entire requirements of the States/Union Territories and are only supplemental in nature.

STATEMENT-I

Foodgrains Contribution by each State to the Central Pool during 1993-94 is as follows:—
(In '000 tonnes)

Sl. State/UT No.	Kharif (October-September) Rice and Paddy in terms of rice	Rabi (April-March) Wheat	Kharif (October-September) Coarsegrains
1. Andhra Pradesh	2565.5	-	5.4
2. Assam	1.8	-	-
3. Bihar	2.9	-	-