

Rehabilitation of Poor under Fishery Programme

5335. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts have been made by Government to provide economic rehabilitation to poorer sections of the society under fishery programme ;

(b) if so, the names of the States where economic rehabilitation has been provided to such people under brackish water fishery programme in Sixth Plan ; and

(c) the number of people who have been given economic rehabilitation under each of the above schemes in the above plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the Sixth Five Year Plan period, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Brackishwater Fish Farming on area development concept, approvals have been given to initiate such programmes in the maritime states of Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal. In addition, an experimental programme has been initiated in Haryana, to explore the possibilities of utilising high saline ground water areas in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan.

On completion of the development of the area sanctioned under the Brackish Water Fish Farming Scheme during the Sixth Plan in the States mentioned above, it is estimated that more than 600 families of the poor fish farmers will get benefitted by way of economic rehabilitation.

Cattle Projects

5336. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of

AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the objectives with which AICRP Cattle Projects were established at lam (Andhra Pradesh), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Rahuri, Izatnagar (U.P.) and Hissar (Haryana) ; and results achieved ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the assistance by ICAR to the lam centre from 1 April, 1985 and if so, the reasons ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take necessary steps for continued assistance to lam centre as it is the only one of its kind in South India dealing with ongole-breed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The objectives with which the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle was established in the different Centres are as follows :—

(i) To evolve a breed/strain of dairy cattle from local breeds by cross-breeding which will be suitable for specialized dairy farms, intensive milk production areas and other areas of commercial milk production. The cow to be evolved should have a minimum milk production of 2000 kg. of milk per lactation, with a herd average of 3200 kg of milk per lactation, with a fat test of not less than 3.5 per cent. The breed/strain to be evolved should have reasonable adaptability to environment and efficiency of breeding.

(ii) For the above purpose to produce different kinds of crosses of selected Indian breeds with three exotic breeds of cattle and to test them for growth, production, reproduction efficiency and economics of milk production.

(iii) To take up ancilliary studies on nutrition, physiology, management

and disease control to support the programme.

The results indicate that the Holstein crosses irrespective of agro-ecology and native breed involved perform the best followed by Brown Swiss and Jersey half breeds. There is little to gain by introducing exotic inheritance beyond 50 per cent from one or other exotic breeds.

(b) There is a proposal to take out the Lam Centre from the All India Coordinated Research Project on Cattle Breeding. The terminal report has been called for upto July, 1985 but a decision on the date from which it will be taken out of the project is yet to be taken. The reasons for this proposal are as follows :—

- (i) Inadequate supply of green fodder to the animal has adversely affected the technical programme of the project.
- (ii) During the last 3-4 years the performance of the cross-breeds has deteriorated.
- (iii) Mid Term Review Committee has pointed out that unless irrigation facilities are properly developed, it will not be possible to maintain the large herd.
- (iv) This situation was also discussed at the small review committee meeting held in January, 1985 at Izatnagar. The Chairman had agreed to give three months to improve the situation. However, no improvement has been noticed by the Project Coordinator (Animal Breeding).

(c) There is a proposal to include the Lam Centre in the Project entitled "Improvement of Indigenous Cattle" under the proposed Cattle Directorate to be established during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Establishment of LPT for Lakshadweep

5337. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to establish a low-power transmitter in Lakshadweep group of islands ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) At present, there is no approved scheme to set up a TV transmitter in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Certain Farm Projects in Core Sector of Industries

5338. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a recently held seminar by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industries suggested the inclusion of certain farm projects concerning the production of oilseeds, pulses etc. in the core sector of the industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the suggestion; and

(c) if so, the decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a). The Association Chambers of Commerce and Industries of India (ASSOCHAM) had organised a Seminar in Madras on "Contribution of Corporate Sector to Agricultural Development" on 28th March, 1985. The seminar did not