

(a) whether Government propose to grant financial relief to fishery workers of Andhra Pradesh facing unemployment due to failure of fishing in the last two years;

(b) whether any ad hoc grants are proposed to be made from the National Fishermen Welfare Fund; and

(c) the assistance Government are arranging for the fishing industry to enable the workers to work throughout the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Fish production in Andhra Pradesh since 1985-86 is given below:-

Year	('000 tonnes)		
	<i>Fish production Marine</i>	<i>Fish production Inland</i>	<i>Total fish production</i>
1985-86	126.8	107.5	234.3
1986-87 (Provisional)	140.8	108.0	248.8
1987-88 (Estimated)	139.4	121.1	260.5

From the data on fish production in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87 (Provisional) and 1987-88 (Estimated) compared to 1985-86, there is no indication of failure of fishing in the last two years and consequently, fishing workers remained unemployed.

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

Allotment of Accommodation to Freedom Fighters in Delhi

10128. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending applications for allotment of residential accommodation to freedom fighters in Delhi; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Twenty Eight.

(b) Allotment is made on the specific recommendations of the Ministry of Home Affairs, The recommendations of that Ministry are awaited.

Import of Seeds

10129. SHRI SAMBAHAJIRAO KAKADE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been importing seeds, if so, since when and the countries of import;

(b) whether the seeds imported from USSR were found to be contaminated with seed-borne diseases and pests; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The import policy of the Government has been providing for the import of living plants, seeds and other plant material subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions and procedures contained in the Policy for the relevant years.

The seeds were being imported from different countries, like the USA, UK, Malaysia, Singapore etc.

(b) and (c). Consignments of Sunflower seeds were imported from the USSR in July 1987 and January 1988. Both these consignments were subjected to various plant quarantine screenings by the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage and were released as they were not found to be contaminated with any diseases or pests.

[*Translation*]

Stone Quarries in Rajasthan

10130. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers working in Kota stone quarries Ramganjmandi, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether cess is collected from the owners of the quarries, if so, the rate of cess charged;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated for the upliftment of these labourers by imposing the cess on the quarry owners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH

TYTLER) : (a) This information is not maintained.

(b) to (d). No cess is levied under any of the Welfare Fund Acts on Owners of Stone Quarries and there is no proposal to do so.

[*English*]

Subsidy on Foodgrains for Tribal Areas

10131. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of foodgrains in tribal areas is increasing day by day due to subsidy scheme on foodgrains;

(b) if so, the extent to which it has increased in each State; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) to (c). This Ministry is not maintaining any date concerning consumption of foodgrains in tribal areas. However, there has been a moderate increase in the issues of wheat and rice under the scheme in 1987 over those in 1986.

Revamping of Haldia, Namrup and Barauni Fertilizer Plants

10132. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to revamp the Haldia, Namrup and Barauni fertilizer plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation;