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traditional fishing sector and development of small mechanized fishing sector. About 33000 traditional fishing crafts have been sanctioned for motorisation so far, and about 18000 small melchanised fishing vessels below 20 metre overall length on an average per annum are provided with reimbursement benefits under the scheme.

(c) The Department of Ocean Development have stated that they have no programme for identifying pearl fetching areas in the coastal Centres.

Central Scheme for Development of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee

4906. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Gujarat for revival of centrally sponsored scheme for development of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMC);

(b) if so, the consideration made by Government; and

(c) the time frame within which the proposal is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A decision on the proposal will be taken after necessary consultations and examination are completed.

Establishment of Nuclear Power Plant in West Bengal

4907. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to establish a Nuclear Power Plant in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the present position of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.