

Fishing in Coastal Areas

2026. SHRI P. N. SIVA :

SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishing activities in coastal areas are very active and continuous throughout the year;

(b) if so, whether fishing community in coastal areas is carrying on drying activities without any scientific and low cost technology;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have identified any low cost technology for drying the fish;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to develop a low cost technology for drying the fish, in consultation with veterinary centres, Agricultural Universities and fishing cooperatives;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir, except during adverse weather conditions and during ban period ordered by various State Governments.

(b) and (c) Fishing community in coastal areas dry the fish normally by sun drying. In some centres sun drying is done hygienically, whereas, in some places improved handling and processing techniques are yet to be adopted.

(d) and (e) Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) have developed some low cost technologies like-hygienic sun drying of fish spread on raised platform. This CIFT technology has been circulated among the Coastal States, Apex Fishery Cooperative Bodies and Fishery Colleges and Institutions.

(f) to (h) The Ministry has an ongoing scheme for funding R&D projects for development of such technology. Various institutions including Veterinary colleges, Agricultural Universities & Cooperatives are eligible to avail this assistance.

Vacant Engineering Seats

2027. PROF. A LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have collected the data regarding the number of vacant engineering seats all over the country for the current academic year;

(b) if so, the details regarding the number of seats available and the vacant seats, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind the downfall in the demand for engineering seats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA) : (a) to (c) Admission to Engineering Colleges are made by the State level Committees based on the intake approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Details on vacant seats all over the country is not maintained centrally.

Financial Assistance for Hindi Teachers' Posts in Non-Hindi speaking States

2028. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's proposal to extend financial assistance for creation of posts of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi speaking States, specially for encouraging Hindi teaching;