

;e) whether any request from the Government of Kerala for increase in the number of seats for such courses is pending before the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c) There are 84 engineering institutions in the country which offer post-graduate courses in Engineering and Technology. No seats are allotted to any State for admission which is open to students from all over the country.

A proposal of Government of Kerala for starting a post-graduate course in an institution in Kerala with an intake of 6 students has been received. This proposal has been seen by the Screening Committee of the Board of Post-Graduate Studies and will now be considered first by the Board and thereafter by the Government of India.

#### **Constitution of Coconut Board**

1257. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that non-official members are also nominated to Coconut Board constituted by the Government of India;

(b) what is the amount so far spent by the Board on schemes for the development of coconut in the country; and

(c) the number of farmers who have benefited by the schemes so far?

I THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far, the Coconut Development Board has spent a sum of Rs. 140.00 lakhs on coconut development schemes.

(c) About 2.40 lakhs coconut growers have been benefited by these coconut development schemes.

1258. [Transferred to the Wi August, 1984.]

#### **Deep Sea Fishing**

1259. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage production of marine products obtained as a result of deep sea fishing across India's coasts;

(b) the number of Indian vessels engaged in deep sea fishing;

(c) the number of vessels added to the fleet during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the number of vessels likely to be added during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Marine fish production from deep sea fishing across India's Coasts is estimated to be about 1 per cent of the total marine fish production.

(b) The number of Indian vessels (20 metres or above) engaged in deep sea fishing for commercial ex-