

(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?

**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 7th 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-