

Month	Allotment	Offtake
July	40	23.7
August	40	20.5
September	40	20.3
October	40	23.0
November	40	33.3
December	40	25.7
TOTAL	475	285.2
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January	40	17.2
February	40	27.3
March	35	24.0
April	35	23.1
May	35	20.1
June	25	21.3
July	25	24.1
August	25	9.3
September	25 + 10@	N.A.
October	30	N.A.

(@)— For flood relief.

(NA)— Not available.

Fall in the marine catch

405. SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a fall in the total marine catch in the country and if so, what are the reasons thereof ('India Today' 31st July, 1982);

(b) whether it is a fact that 13 large industrial houses which had imported or chartered trawlers, have already closed down operations; and

(c) whether the figures of catch as put up by the Ministry of Agriculture and

CMFRI are different for the same period if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (c) The figures of marine fish catch as computed from the data received from State Governments show an increase in fish production. The fish production for the past three years is given below:

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Marine Fish Production	
	State Govt. estimates	CMFRI estimates
1978	14.90	14.04
1979	14.92	13.88
1980 (Provisional)	15.48	12.50

Variations have been noted in the estimates furnished by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and State Governments. These are due to adoption of different methods used in the collection of data by them. Efforts are, however, being made to reconcile the estimates adopting by an integrated survey method for collection of data by both the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute and the State Governments.

(b) Of the 13 companies, seven companies did not import or charter any trawlers. Out of the remaining six houses one has transferred vessels to another company. Other five companies have not approached the Government for transfer or closure.

Floods in Assam

406. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area and the number of villages affected by the floods in Assam