

### **Training to pisciculturists**

†1731. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of Rs. 2.20 lakh as the Central Government's share has been received, under training scheme to provide modern technique available outside the State of Madhya Pradesh to progressive pisciculturists of the State in order to provide piscicultural training and its expansion; and

(b) if so, the time by which the amount will be released after approval as per the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) A proposal for release of Central share of Rs. 2.20 lakh for study tour of 114 progressive fish farmers for demonstration of improved techniques outside the State has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Training & Extension' component of Centrally sponsored 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' during current financial year. The proposal could not be considered as it was not as per the guidelines of the said scheme.

### **Availability of cultivable land**

1732. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for reduction in cultivable land in the country;

(b) the State-wise details regarding availability of land for agriculture and also waste-land as on 31st March, 2010; and

(c) the State-wise details of agricultural land transferred or converted for non-agricultural purpose during financial years 2005-06 to 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) On account of shift in area for non-agricultural purposes, the cultivable land in the country has marginally declined.

(b) and (c) As per latest available estimates, the State-wise details regarding availability of land for agriculture (cultivable land), increase/decrease in cultivable land, area under non-agricultural uses and area under culturable waste-land for the last five years is given in the Statement.

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