

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : Will it not be thought that the Government is not firm in the matter ?

THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI V. V. GIRI) : No, not at all.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : Did the Chief Labour Commissioner visit the troubled spot in this year, before the trouble commenced ?

SHRI ABID ALI : The Chief Labour Commissioner had been there.

SHRI B. RATH : Is it not a fact that the strike was not a sudden one, but after repeated attempts made by the workers to arrive at a settlement ?

SHRI ABID ALI : Yes, Sir, and a settlement was also arrived at according to which payment was to be made by stages. Again, the workers were advised not to accept that and the employers took opportunity of this situation and backed out.

(Shri B. Rath stood up.)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Sit down. Shri Gopinath Singh†.

AN HON. MEMBER : He is absent.

#### FISHING INDUSTRY

\*91. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : Will the Minister for FOOD and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any foreign technicians in India to assist in the development of the fishing industry of the country ; if so, how many and from which countries ; and

(b) who pays those technicians, the Technical Co-operation Programme of the U. S. Government or the Central Government or State Government concerned ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : (a) and (b). Yes. There are six foreign fisheries

experts in India. A statement furnishing the requisite information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 19.]

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : May I know what is the amount set aside for the development of fisheries from the Technical Co-operation programmes of the U. S. Government ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I have not got the figures. I am prepared to give the information after collecting it from the office.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : In view of the fact that Russians are experts in fishing in troubled waters, will the Government.....

(No answer.)

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : Is the Government of India aware that the seacoast of Kutch is a place to be developed for fisheries ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I think all seacoasts are.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : I am talking of Kutch because it is a backward State which requires development.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I will take the information and get what further information I can.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : Are there any Indian fishing experts who have gone abroad ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : No.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : What is the condition of the West Coast fisheries ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Travancore-Cochin comes first in the *per capita* consumption of fish. Then comes West Bengal.

†For answers to Questions Nos. 89 and 90 *vide* columns 664 and 665 *in fra*.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : What is the condition of the West Coast fisheries ? Is there any scope for development ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : There is a lot of scope for improvement of fisheries in the West Coast.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Has any technician been now appointed under this scheme for the working and improvement of the West Coast fisheries ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : We hope to train some technicians in Bombay and then send them to those places.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA : Will the Government kindly inform why it was that the establishment of the fisheries department synchronised with the rise in the price of fish ? Instead of selling at two annas a seer, it is now sold at two rupees a seer. The more and more the fisheries department increases and makes progress, the more and more the price of fish increases.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I want notice.

SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS : How long will these experts remain in India ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Till our people who are getting training are properly trained.

SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS : How many experts do you have just now ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : There are six—three in Bombay, one with the Central Government and two with West Bengal.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : How much does the Government of India spend on these experts ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Statement giving this information has been placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure

No. 19.] A good portion of the expenses is met by the F.A.O.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE : Will the experts in Bombay investigate the whole of the West Coast ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : We will try to get that done.

PRINCIPAL DEVAPRASAD GHOSH : Is the hon. Member in a position to say, what have been the achievements of the activities of the Fisheries Department, fishing, I shall not say, in troubled waters, but in the Bay of Bengal, under the auspices of the West Bengal Government, with the help of some Danish trawlers ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I want notice.

SHRI O. SOBHANI : Will the foreign experts be asked to assist in the development of sweet water fishing also ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Yes.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Is there any plan for deep water fishing ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Yes. At Bombay, they are meant for deep water fishing.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA : How many trawlers are there ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I have no detailed information just now.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : Has an Indian team gone abroad to select equipment ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : I want notice.

#### RE-GROUPING OF RAILWAYS

\*92. SHRI L. H. DOSHI : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to lay on the Table of the Council a statement :

(a) showing the total savings actually effected on the Southern