

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 t.

AN HON. MEMBER : He is absent.

FISHING INDUSTRY

*9i- 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

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

SHRIMATI V I O L E T 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.....

(iNo 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.