

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT):
(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) had submitted a proposal for Integration of Information on Food Crop Production, Markets and Consumption and Assessment of Alternative Scenarios for the Food Crop Sector to this Ministry, A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) and NCAER with the objective to bridge the important gap in analytical inputs for understanding the emerging agricultural scenarios both in the short term of one or two quarters and also in the medium to long-term with focus on foodgrains crops.

Expert Committee Report on deep-sea fisheries

498. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Expert Committee on deep-sea fisheries has submitted its report as per schedule on 31 October, 2011;
- (b) if so, whether Government has examined this report;
- (c) what steps will be taken to remove diverse bottlenecks related to permissions from other agencies like DG-Shipping, etc.; and
- (d) the date by which the entire report will be implemented to encourage deep-sea fisheries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (d) The Sub-Committee formed on the directives of the Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries (EC) has submitted its report on 22.11.2011. The Sub-Committee has examined the need for simplification of procedures involved in grant of various clearances. The report of the Sub-Committee has to be approved by the EC before implementation.

Employment in farm sector

499. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that farm sector provides one of the largest number of employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan periods;
- (c) whether any targets have been set for generation of employment opportunities during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT):
(a) to (d) Agriculture sector provides livelihood for more than 58 per cent of the population of India.

According to the Eleventh Plan document brought out by the Planning Commission, against, the Tenth Plan target of 9.47 million, employment created in the agriculture sector was 8.84 million. For Eleventh Plan, although an overall target of 58.07 million on Current Daily Status basis was set as the projected employment, there was no sector specific target set for agriculture. According to Key Indicators of Employment and Unemployment in India 2009-10 released by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), in rural areas, nearly 63 per cent of the male usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) workers were engaged in the agriculture sector while 79 per cent of the female were dependent on agriculture sector. The share of urban workforce in agriculture was nearly 6 per cent in respect of male and 14 per cent in respect of female workers.

Reservation in promotion

500. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation in promotion is strictly followed and implemented in the Ministry as per provisions made in the Constitution through 77th Amendment;

(b) if so, the details of promotion made during last five years in all categories;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the tentative time by which the same would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reduction in fertilizers quota for Andhra Pradesh

501. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cut down the fertilizers quota to Andhra Pradesh by 2.41 lakh tonnes in the just concluded Kharif season; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The availability of urea, phosphatic