Dr. Quasim takes over as Director of N. I. O.

Dr. Z. A. Quasim, Director, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin, left for Goa, on 5th January 1974 to take over as Director, National Institute of Oceanography.

On the eve of his departure, Dr. Quasim said that the period of 10 years he spent in Cochin, was very fruitful and highly productive. He was very appreciative of the extreme cooperation he received from his colleagues both at the C. M. F. R. I. as well as the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, of which also he was the Director. All Directors of other fisheries institutes at Cochin, Director of Fisheries, Kerala State, Managing Director, Kerala Fisheries Corporation and Chairman, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Dr. Quasim said, were all very helpful to him. He expressed his special sense of gratitude to the Chief Minister, Minister for Fisheries, and the Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, for the development of a Fisheries Complex in which the permanent building of the C. M. F. R. I. will be located.

In Dr. Quasim's opinion, the Seafood Exporters Association of India is doing an excellent job. He had a special word of appreciation for the Seafood Export Journal for its role in disseminating valuable information on fisheries science and technology. He thanked the journal for giving wide publicity to the activities of the C. M. F. R. I. and other institutions and for encouraging the Scientists and Technologists through publication of their papers.

As Director of the National Institute of Oceanography, Dr. Quasim succeeds Dr. N. K. Panikkar who retired recently.