

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding dedicated research institute for fisheries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands-laid.

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA (ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS): The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have vast potential for fisheries development in view of its Coastal length of about 1,962 km and Continental shelf area of 35,000 sq. km. The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) around these islands is about 6,00,000 sq. km. with an estimated Fishery potential of 1.48 lakh MT which is 3.8 per cent of our Country's total Fishery Potential. I request the Government to provide incentives and investment for developing processing infrastructure. Cold chain system complying with international standards and deep sea fishing vessels for exploitation of tuna and high value fishes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands will generate employment and boost the economy. In addition to this, I demand that the Department of Fisheries should establish a dedicated research institute for fisheries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for further research and capacity augmentation in the area of fisheries which would aid development of the islands and realize its potential.