

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHRIMP CULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a deadly white spot disease has taken a heavy toll in the shrimp culture in all the ten maritime States in the country; and
- (b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to farmers engaged in shrimp culture?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) The white spot disease in shrimp aquaculture has been reported from the maritime States in the country, causing an estimated production loss of about 10,000 - 15,000 tonnes of shrimp.
- (b) To assist shrimp farmers in the better management of their farms and to prevent disease outbreaks and shrimp mortalities, technical assistance is provided through laboratory facilities to select disease free healthy seeds. Training is imparted to Fisheries Extension Officers and shrimp farmers on early diagnosis of disease and health management practices. Guidelines have been issued on pond preparation, water and feed management, stocking, application of pro-biotics, etc. Demonstration programmes and publicity campaigns are also organised for educating shrimp farmers on best management practices. A revised Insurance Scheme viz. Market Agreement on Aquaculture (Shrimp/Prawn) Insurance is being implemented by the General Insurance Corporation of India and its subsidiaries which provides for a comprehensive cover for loss due to disease.