

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3528
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
FISH PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the allocation for the scheme for strengthening traditional Fish Processing Technologies/Marketing was not utilised during 1997-98 and 1998-99 by the Department of Food Processing Industries;
- (b) if so, the fact thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that in the current financial year the Government have drastically reduced the allocation to Rs. 5.00 lakhs only due to non-receipt of any complete and viable proposal under the scheme;
- (d) whether the Department has taken steps to popularise and tie up through the Veterinary Institutions, Agricultural Universities and Fisheries Cooperatives to get better results on the production of value added products from Low Value fish; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The allocation could not be utilized due to non-receipt of any complete & viable proposal.

(c): Yes, Sir

(d) & (e): The department have sent letters to a number of Veterinary institutions, Agricultural Universities and Apex Bodies of Fisheries Co-operatives for sending proposals under the Schemes for Strengthening of Traditional Fish Processing Technologies and Marketing, and for Utilization of Low Value Fish to Make Value Added Products.