

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF FISHERMEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the problem faced by fishermen;
- (b) if so, whether it is proposed to set up a Fishermen Development Corporation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): With the National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives (FISHCOPFED) at the top of the Cooperative structure, there are 17 Federations at the State level, 108 Central societies at the district and regional levels and over 11,440 Primary Fisheries Cooperative Societies. Membership of primary societies is around 11.39 lakhs covering about 21% of active fishermen in the country. Besides this, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is also actively engaged in integrated development of fisheries sector in the country. Therefore, no decision to set up Fishermen Development Corporation in the country has been taken.