

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6095  
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002  
FAMINE AMONG FISHERMEN  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a severe famine among the fishermen of the country particularly in South Western Coastal area;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to provide any relief to the fishermen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir. No report has been brought to the notice of the Government about severe famine among the fishermen of the country particularly in South-Western Coastal area.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): A number of State/Centrally Sponsored Schemes were under implementation in the country during Ninth Five Year Plan to increase both inland and coastal fish production and to improve the socio-economic conditions of fishermen, which mainly included

- (i) Subsidy for Motorisation of Traditional Craft;
- (ii) Subsidy on Central Excise Duty on HSD Oil supplied to mechanised fishing vessels below 20 metre length;
- (iii) Subsidy for Brackishwater and Freshwater aquaculture; and
- (iv) Welfare schemes for fishermen including Group Accident Insurance, Housing Scheme, etc.

The aforesaid schemes are likely to be continued either with a revised pattern of assistance or to be replaced by other suitable schemes for implementation during Tenth Five Year Plan in consultation with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance etc.