

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS  
PRABODH PANDA

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

- (a) whether the Government have examined the recommendations made by experts in the conference of development of sustainable aquaculture in the country held at Chennai in August, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action proposed to be taken on the recommendations;
- (d) whether the Government have decided to change National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development's (NABARD) funding policy regarding aquaculture;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Aquaculture Authority organised an Expert Consultation on Development of sustainable shrimp aquaculture in India during August 2002 at Chennai when a number of recommendations emerged for the sustainable growth of shrimp culture in India through development of sustainable research programmes for disease resistant brood stock, micro level planning of aquaculture farming, proper environmental assesment and monitoring, setting up of laboratories for health management, improved access to banking and financing mechanisms, legislative support for regulatory measures and through popularisation of good management practices in shrimp farming.

(c) Action on the major recommendations have been initiated in the Tenth Plan Schemes by the concerned organisations/agencies. The Aquaculture Authority set up on the directives of the Supreme Court has also taken up suitable steps to create awareness among shrimp farmers on best management practices.

(d) & (e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has already reopened the refinance facility for units undertaking brackishwater aquaculture in accordance with the guidelines of the Aquaculture Authority. Also NABARD has agreed to extend refinance support to the units willing to set up Effluent Treatment Plants. State level workshops would also be organised by NABARD to apprise the bankers on this matter.

(f) Question does not arise.