

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1154
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SHIFTING OF RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is functioning at Vizhinjam, in Trivandrum, Kerala;
- (b) whether the Union Government have received any request from public representatives regarding sanction of financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 2 crores for the developmental activities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government had taken a decision to shift this centre from Vizhinjam; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) (d) & (e): Several public representatives including Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Thiruvananthapuram have addressed letters in this regard not to shift or close Vizhinjam Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and have requested for allocation of Rs.2 crores for development of this centre during X Plan. The Centre is working on some aspects of marine fisheries and culture and the activities at different centres of the CMFRI are proposed to be integrated.