

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF AQUACULTURE INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of aquaculture industries functioning at present in the country;
- (b) the number of applications received for setting up the said industries during the last three years;
- (c) the number of those which have since been cleared; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the aquaculture industries?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There are no aquaculture industries as such in the country. Aquaculture is a farming activity undertaken by fish/shrimp farmers. A network of 429 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) have been set up in the country to provide technical, financial and extension package to the fish/shrimp farmers.
- (b) No applications have been received for setting up of aquaculture industries. However, a total of 4391 applications have been received during the period July 2000-July 2003 by the Aquaculture Authority for issue of approvals for undertaking shrimp culture operations in the coastal areas of the country.
- (c) Out of the 4391 applications received 2946 applications have been approved for undertaking shrimp culture operations.
- (d) The Fish Farmers Development Agencies and the Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies set up under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Development of Freshwater Aquaculture and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture have brought an area of 103155 ha under Freshwater Aquaculture and 6509 ha under Brackishwater Aquaculture and have trained 92972 fish farmers and 4774 shrimp farmers during the period 1999-2002.