

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF FISH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for production of fish in various States including Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;
- (b) the action taken/proposed to be taken for increasing the production of fish;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up separate Board for the said purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when it is likely to be set up and made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): The state wise target for the production of fish are not fixed by the Department. However, estimate of fish production is projected at All India level. The projected Fish Production for the year 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and for the current financial year (2005-06) are 60.50 lakh tones, 62.50 lakh tones, 65.10 lakh tones and 69.80 lakh tones respectively. Against these projections, the actual production in the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 are 62.00 lakh tones and 63.99 lakh tones respectively.
- (b): Various Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented by the Department during Tenth Plan to enhance fish production.
- (c), (d) & (e): The feasibility of establishing a National Fisheries Development Board is in the early stage of processing.