

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to augment the fish production in the country;
- (b) if so, the total target for fish production fixed during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to encourage fish farmers;
- (d) whether high genetic quality and disease resistance fish seed is being made available to fish farmers at affordable rates; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Fish production of 7.42 million tonnes is projected by 2006-07 which is the last year of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c): Various Centrally Sponsored Schemes including scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture are under operation during Tenth Plan. The scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture envisages to popularize fish farming and diversifying aquaculture practices. Fish farmers are encouraged as subsidy is being given to fishers for construction of new ponds, renovation/reclamation of ponds/tanks, inputs, training, integrated fish farming, establishment of fish seed hatchery etc.

(d) & (e): The Central Government provides subsidy for setting up hatchery for fish seed production. The Department does not maintain data on the prices paid by fish farmers for procuring fish seed.