

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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STEPS FOR MAKING FISHING A PROFITABLE BUSINESS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fishing is not a profitable business any more particularly in view of continuous hike in diesel oil price; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The hike in diesel price has increased the operational cost of fishing over the years. The increased operational cost has been offset by the increased price realization of the fish and fishery products both in the domestic and international markets. However, due to the hike in the diesel price, Government has enhanced the rebate on HSD Oil from Rs.0.35 per litre existed in the 9th Plan to Rs.1.50 per litre in the 10th Plan for the benefit of the fishermen.