

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3720  
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FISHERIES SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Private sector participation in the fisheries sector is likely to get a big boost with the centre setting itself a target of 8-10% growth mainly through development of inland aquaculture;
- (b) whether the Government indicated this decision during FICCI-IFPRI-ICRISAT organized International conference recently;
- (c) whether Ministry declared that a growth rate of 8-10% in the fisheries sector maintained through inland aquaculture projecting a key role for the private sector in achieving this target;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government was seriously considering to set up a national fisheries development remained;
- (e) if so, whether this would allow private sector to tap the huge potential in the fisheries sector and aim for increased production of fish, focusing on inland aquaculture; and
- (f) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

- (a): The country has vast fishery resources both marine and inland with a huge potential of fish production. The projections made by the Government for Tenth Plan for total fish production are based on an average growth rate of 5.5% inclusive of 8% growth rate in the inland sector.
- (b)&(c): During International Conference on Public/Private Partnership it was indicated that it is possible to reach growth rates of the order of 8-10% in fisheries sector mainly through inland aquaculture.
- (d)to(f): The feasibility of establishing a National Fisheries Development Board with the broad objectives to bring all activities relating to fisheries and aquaculture under a single umbrella with a view to improve the production, processing and marketing of the fisheries products is under examination.