

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the States where schemes have been launched by the Government for the development of inland fisheries and aquaculture during the last three years;
- (b) the amount spent thereon during the said period. State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the inland fisheries and aquaculture potential of every State has not been properly tapped; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to identify such States particularly Orissa to develop inland fisheries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LALBHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture is being implemented by all the States and Union Territories of Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The information on central assistance provided to States/Union Territories under the above scheme during the last three years is annexed.

(c)&(d): The tapping of the potential of inland fisheries and aquaculture in the states is an ongoing programme. This is being taken care of under the above Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Additional water area is brought under fish/shrimp culture every year through the programmes on Development on Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture being implemented by the respective States including Orissa. The Government has been taking steps to promote inland fisheries in the country. Some of the major steps taken in this regard are: i) Set up 429 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) to organize fish/shrimp farmers all over the country; ii) extended financial, technical and extension support to fishers; iii) provided training and package of improved practices in fish/shrimp farming to fishers; and iv) provided diversification into new climatic areas and economically beneficial fish species.