

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF INLAND FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote inland fisheries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the assistance provided to States during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture. Under macro-management approach and above scheme has been formulated by merging two ongoing schemes on Development of Freshwater and brackishwater Aquaculture and four pilot schemes on Development of Coldwater Fisheries, Waterlogged Areas, Utilization of Saline/Alkaline Soils for Aquaculture and Inland Capture Fisheries (Reservoirs, Rivers etc.). The above scheme is being implemented by the State/UT Governments. Under the scheme, expenditure on developmental activities is shared on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State/UT Governments.

(c) The information on central assistance provided to States/UTs under the above scheme during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed.