

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRAWN HATCHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Prawn hatcheries set up at present and proposed to be set up in the country, State-wise; and location-wise; and
(b) the time by which new hatcheries are likely to be made functional?

Answer

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

(a) : In order to produce and supply seeds of brackishwater shrimp or freshwater prawn to farmers, hatcheries have been set up in various maritime States of the country. The State-wise details of the prawn/shrimp hatcheries set up in the private sector are furnished below:-

S.No	State	Prawn hatchery	Shrimp hatchery	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43	148	191
2.	Gujarat	0	2	2
3.	Karnataka/Goa	0	14	14
4.	Kerala	7	22	29
5.	Maharashtra	2	6	8
6.	Orissa	2	13	15
7.	Tamil Nadu	8	73	81
8.	West Bengal	9	2	11
	Total	71	280	351

Besides, two hatcheries have been set up by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) as independent societies in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. There is no proposal for setting up of new hatcheries at present as the hatcheries set up in the private sector so far are able to meet the current demand of seed.

(b): The two freshwater prawn hatcheries under construction in Gujarat and Maharashtra with French assistance are to be completed by December, 2008.