

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2763
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FUNDS TO FISHERMEN COMMUNITY
Barman Shri Hiten;Bose Shri Subrata

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ever made a survey to find out the total number of fishermen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof. State-wise;
- (c) if not, by when the said survey is likely to be done and completed;
- (d) whether the Government has made any special scheme or allocation in the current Budget for this community;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) As per the 17th Livestock Census conducted by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India in 2003. Fisheries sector is a source of livelihood to 14.48 million people in the country. State/UT wise detail is given in the enclosed statement.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) and (e) Yes Sir. The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes with total Budget allocation of Rs.109.00 crore (proposed) in 2005-06, are in operation during the Tenth Plan for the benefit of fishing community:
 - (i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture;
 - (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operations.
 - (iii) Scheme for Fisheries Training and Extension,
 - (iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen,
- (f) Does not arise.