

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FISH PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the profession of fishery in the country has been adversely affected due to the lack of proper conservation and maintenance in rivers, ponds and sea;

(b): if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore indicating the quantum of fish produced and exported alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years; and

(c): the details of conservation works undertaken by the Government in rivers,ponds and sea for development of fishery?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): There is no direct impact of lack of conservation and maintenance of rivers, ponds and sea in fishery profession in the country. The total fish produced and exported alongwith foreign exchange earned during each of the last 3 years are as under:

Year Total fish production Total fish exported Foreign exchange
(in `000 tonnes) (in `000 tonnes) earnings (Rs. in crores)

2004-05 6304.75 461.33 6646.69

2005-06 6571.63 512.16 7245.30

2006-07 6869.05 612.64 8363.53

(c): For conservation in rivers, ponds and seas, Government of India has been implementing the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005, Ganga Action Plan, The Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, The Biological Diversity Act, 2002, The Environment Protection Act, 1986. Government also imposes ban of fishing during certain period of the year. The State Governments have also taken several measures such as enacting of the Marine Fishing Regulation Acts, control of use of mesh size in fishing nets, diversification! popularization of eco-friendly fishing methods, sea ranching and encouraging aquaculture/mariculture, etc.