

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES INSTITUTE AND MARINE AQUARIUMS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a request from the Government of Kerala for the development of Central Marine Fisheries Institute (CMFI) and Marine Aquariums at Vizhinjam and Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) Yes, Madam. There have been proposals for strengthening the existing Research Centre and the Marine Aquarium of CMFRI at Vizhinjam.

(b) The Government of Kerala has offered to lease out 1.7 acres of land to the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi at Vizhinjam on a lease rent of Rs.100/- per acre per annum for a period of 25 years. In order to create permanent infrastructure, the CMFRI, Kochi has requested the State Government to offer the land for a period of 99 years. The response from the State Government on the request of the CMFRI, Kochi is awaited. Budgetary provision for the purpose has already been made in the XI Plan of the CMFRI, Kochi.