

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2550
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SCHEME ON FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the ongoing `Centrally Sponsored Schemes` on fisheries being implemented in the country;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether the inland fisheries production is declining in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the total inland fish production in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken to increase the inland fish production in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): Four Centrally Sponsored Schemes on fisheries are being implemented in the country. They are:
- i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture.
 - ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations.
 - iii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen and
 - iv) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)
- (b): Details furnished in Annexure-A1, A2, A3 & A4.
- (c): No. Madam.
- (d): Details on total inland fish production in the country are furnished in Annexure-`B`.
- (e):
- (i) Financial assistance in the form of subsidy is given to fish farmers for construction/renovation of ponds and tanks; ceiling limit of unit cost on various fisheries activities has been by and large increased by 50 per cent over the provision fixed for 10th Plan.
 - (ii) Assistance is provided for procurement of critical inputs like fish seeds, feeds and fertilizers.
 - (iii) Establishment of fish seed hatcheries and fish feed mills are encouraged.
 - (iv) Culture based capture system is introduced in the reservoirs by stocking the reservoirs with fish fingerlings.
 - (v) Provision for extension and training activities, exposure visits and forward and backward linkages in the fisheries sector are being made.