

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRAINTS IN FISHERY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Inland/Marine fish and prawn production in the country including target set and achieved during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any constraint in the development of the fishery sector in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to check the same; (4) whether the Government has taken steps to provide high genetic quality and disease resistant fish seed to fishermen and also encourage them to take up pisciculture in the country including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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- (a) The information is placed at Annexure I. There is no target set for the States for production of inland/marine fish and prawn.
- (b) & (c) Like other sectors, fishery sector too faces several constraints i.e. availability and quality of seed, proper training of fishermen, infrastructure etc. The Government is addressing these issues through various Centrally sponsored and Central sector schemes for Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, Development of Marine Fisheries and Welfare of Fishermen.
- (d) & (e) The Government has taken several steps for introduction of improved variety of fish seed, including financial support to States and other agencies for establishment of hatcheries and seed rearing units. Steps have been taken to introduce Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) seeds in aquaculture and guidelines for farming disease prone species have been formulated. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) lays down standards for seeds and fish feed and regulates the aquaculture activities in coastal areas. An aquatic quarantine facility at Chennai has been established for quarantine of SPF broodstock of vannamei shrimp which is allowed for import only from suppliers authorized by CAA.

The Government have also drafted guidelines for developing a seed certification and accreditation system to be implemented by the State Governments.