

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FISHING HARBOURS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing fishing harbours and fish landing centres in the country including Gujarat, State-wise;
- (b) whether financial assistance has been provided to the States for modernization and expansion of these fishing harbours and fish landing centres;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years. State-wise;
- (d) whether new fishing harbours and fish landing centres are also proposed to be set up; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof. State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) Six major fishing harbours, 45 minor fishing harbour and 180 fish landing centres have been constructed with Central financial assistance along the country's coastline. State-wise details of existing fishing harbours and fish landing centres are furnished at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) provides financial assistance to the coastal State Governments, Union Territories(UTs), Port Trusts, Fishermen Cooperative Societies/Associations and private entrepreneurs for development of new fishing harbours and fish landing centres as well as for modernization and expansion of the existing ones. Besides, the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) also provides need based financial support to the coastal State Governments/ UTs for modernization and up-gradation of fishing harbours and fish landing centres. State-wise details of financial assistance provided during the last three years are furnished at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. Central financial assistance is provided under the CSS for construction of new fishing harbours and fish landing centres based on viable proposals from the State Governments, UTs and other agencies. At present a total of 38 new projects comprising 22 minor fishing harbours and 16 fish landing centres have been taken up under the CSS and the State-wise details are furnished at Annexure-I.