

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH PACKAGE FOR FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any statistics on the health status of fishermen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Union Government to introduce a special health package for the fishermen community, State-wise including Kerala ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a)to(c): Fisheries in India is mostly an unorganized sector activity. Also Fishery being the State subject, no statistical data on the health status of the fishermen is compiled centrally. However, the Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen has a provision for Group Accident Insurance to eligible fishermen. The scheme also provides for assistance to State Governments for construction of houses, tubewells, community centre etc.