

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2362  
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009  
PROMOTION OF FISHERIES SECTOR  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote fisheries including inland fisheries for the promotion of employment opportunities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the existing/proposed Central schemes in this regard and the States in which it has been introduced/proposed to be introduced;
- (c) the details of the allocation and utilization of funds allocated for the fisheries sector in the country during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has taken up the matter of under utilisation of funds with the concerned States including Gujarat;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (f) the details of the income and employment generated from the said sector during the above period, State-wise;
- (g) whether the Government proposed to provide funds for establishing fishery training institutes in the country including Gujarat; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India is implementing various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes namely, Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen and Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of Fisheries Sector. The schemes are being implemented in all States with the objective of increasing fish production and thereby generating employment and livelihood.

(c) to (e): The State-wise release and utilization of funds including Gujarat is at Annexure I to IV. The matter regarding unutilized funds is taken-up with the concerned State governments periodically.

(f): Fish production which impinges on income and employment has been going-up consistently over the years. 14.48 million people are directly and indirectly employed in the fisheries sector. State-wise fishermen population in 2003 is at Annexure V. State-wise fish production during the last three years is at Annexure VI.

(g) and (h): Provision for financial assistance for setting-up Training cum Awareness Centres exists under the National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen. However, proposals of the State Governments are considered on merits.