

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2389
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BUILDING OF FISHING YARDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for building fishing yards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps towards the safety of the fishermen in our country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b) The Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations provided financial and technical assistance to the State Governments, Union Territories, Post Trusts and other implementing agencies for development of fishing harbours, fish landing centres and post harvest and marketing infrastructure facilities.

(c) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture under the CSS provides financial assistance to the tune of 75% of the unit cost of a kit consisting of Global Positioning System (GPS), Communication equipment, echo-sounder and Search & Rescue Beacon to ensure the safety of fishermen at sea. Besides, Indian Coast Guard regularly conducts community interaction programmes and provides assistance to the fishermen while in distress at sea.