

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement National Fishery Scheme for the development of fishery in States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar so as to provide employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the fishing area in Bihar is shrinking; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government is already implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture in the entire country including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The main objectives of the Scheme are to enhance fish production and productivity by bringing in more areas under modern aquaculture practices. This will also generate employment and enhance the income of fish farmers. The other Schemes for fisheries sector development are being funded through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Question does not arise.