

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India ranks low in global fish production despite having vast ocean and marine resources;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefore;
- (c) the total quantity of fish produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the target fixed for fish production during the Eleventh Five Year Plan vis-a-vis the target achieved;
- (e) whether high genetic quality and disease resistant fish seed is being made available to farmers at affordable rates; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) does not arise,
- (c)

Year Fish Production (In million Metric Tonnes)

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| 2005-06 | 6.57 |
| 2006-07 | 6.87 |
| 2007-08 | 7.13 |
| 2008-09 | 7.57 |

(Prov)

- (d) 10 million metric tonnes. Target achieved during 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as (c) above.

(e)&(f) High quality genetic material for high growth performance has been developed at Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneshwar and released in the name of Jayanthi Rohu. Research is underway for development of disease resistant Rohu. In addition, financial support is provided through Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for creation of hatcheries and brood stock banks for production of specific disease resistant seeds.