GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:995 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012 BASIC FACILITIES FOR FISHING COMMUNITY Raghavan Shri M. K.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for providing drinking water and better sanitation to the fishermen in the country including Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of these schemes; and
- (d) the amount released and utilised under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) There is no proposal with the Government for providing drinking water and better sanitation to the fishermen in the country. However, under the Centrally Sponsored `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen there is a provision for providing assistance for installation of a tube-well for every 20 houses in a fisherman village under the component `Development of Model Fishermen Villages`. All the States including Kerala are eligible to seek assistance under the said Scheme. The cost of installation of a tubewell i§ limited to 30,000/- (35,000/- for North-Eastern States), which is shared by the Centre and the

States on 50:50 basis. In the case of North-Eastern States this sharing is on 75:25 basis while the entire cost is borne by the Centre in respect of Union Territories, The details of tubewells approved during the last three years and current year are as under:-

Name of States Number of Tubewells approved 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Bihar 0 0 102 0 Gujarat 21 0 0 0 Jharkhand 24 72 66 10 Madhya Pradesh 0 4 0 50 Manipur 11 0 0 8 Meghalaya 0 0 3 0 Mizoram 0 11 0 0 Nagaland 23 26 30 0 Rajasthan 0 3 0 0 Uttarakhand 3 1 3 0