

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6250
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PROMOTION OF FISHERY ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to encourage the inhabitants of the Lakshadweep Island in the fishery activities which is their main source of livelihood;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the scheme; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned and utilised under these schemes during each of the last three years, scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government of India is implementing the following schemes for development of fisheries in the country including Lakshadweep:-

- (i) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure, and Post Harvest Operations.
- (ii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen.
- (iii) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector.
- (iv) National Fisheries Development Board.
- (v) Issuance of Biometric Identity cards to Coastal Fishermen.

Besides, the UT Administration also implements various schemes to encourage the inhabitants of the Lakshadweep. The Ministry of Agriculture had accorded approval to the following 11th Five Year plan schemes in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep for a total outlay of Rs. 94.65 Crores.

- (i) Supply of mechanized fishing boats, introduction of modern fishing vessels on subsidy under hire purchase system etc.
- (ii) Development of Deep Sea Fisheries.
- (iii) Development of Shore based infrastructure facilities.
- (iv) Extension and training and Strengthening of statistical Database in Fisheries sector.
- (v) Setting up of Fishermen Cooperative Societies,
- (vi) Civil Work,
- (vii) Introduction of mother vessel/Collector Vessel.

(c) The funds released by the Ministry of Agriculture for fishery activities during last three years are as under:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Scheme	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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1.	Development of Marine Fisheries Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operations.	6.00	0.00	0.00
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2.	National Scheme of Welfare	0.00	0.00	30.00
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of Fishermen.

3. Strengthening of Database 20.00 0.00 0.00
& Geographic Information
System of Fisheries Sector.

4. National Fisheries 0.00 0.00 37.25
Development Board.

5. Issuance of Biometric 20.46 0.00 0.00
Identity cards to Coastal
Fishermen.