

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to formulate a National Fishing Policy with a view to boosting fish production and protecting the interests of fishermen and fish traders across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for the development of fisheries in the country along with the work undertaken in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the amount released to each State under the Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of the fishery sector and fishery training institutions during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(e) the achievements as a result thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)to (c): Formulation of policy is an ongoing process. The Government through its Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes endeavor to create an enabling environment for boosting fish production in the Country. The Government has taken several measures such as guidelines for framing a legislation for the inland sector for sustainable fisheries, guidelines for seed certification and accreditation system and for conservation and management of fishery resources. The Government also reviews its deep sea fishing policy through an Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee from time to time.

(d)and (e): The details of fund released to the States and fishery training institutions during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure A1 to A6. The prominent achievements are a) Increase in fish production from 79.98 lakh tonnes in 2009-10 to 86.66 lakh tonnes in 2011-12; b) Increase in fish exports from Rs. 10,048.53 Crore in 2009-2010 to Rs. 16,597.23 Crore in 2011-12 and c) Increase in coverage of fishermen under Group Accident Insurance scheme from 33.13 lakh in 2009-10 to 38.92 lakh in 2011-12, etc. Further, to give a boost to fish production, the Government has established the National Fisheries Development Board for coordinated development of the sector.