

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey to find out the total number of fishermen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme or made allocation in the current Budget for the fishermen community; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As per livestock census 2003, the total fishermen in the country is 14485354. The State-wise details are at Annexure I.
- (c) & (d) The major schemes for the development of fisheries and welfare of fishermen are (a) Development of Marine Fisheries Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, (b) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (c) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen and (d) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector. Besides, the National Fisheries Development Board, which was setup in 2006 also provides assistance for development of fisheries in the country. The total plan allocation for Fisheries in the year 2013-14 is Rs. 371.50 crore.