

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5701

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MODERNISATION OF SASOON DOCK FISHING HARBOUR

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received a proposal from Mumbai Port Trust in June, 2009 for grant of approval and release of Central assistance of Rs.8.02 crore for renovation and modernisation of Sasoon Dock, Mumbai Fishing Harbour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether environmental clearance of the State and the Centre has already been obtained in this regard;
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay in giving approval/sanctioning Central assistance to this proposal; and
- (e) the time by which the permission/Central assistance is likely to be granted?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b) : Yes, Madam. The existing Mumbai fishing harbour at Sasoon Dock, Mumbai has been developed with 100 percent funding from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture. The Department has so far been provided an amount of ` 1301.51 lakh to the Mumbai Port Trust for development of the fishing harbour. Management, maintenance and operation of the fishing harbour have been entrusted to the Port Trust. The Department through the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery(CICEF), Bangalore has got formulated a report for renovation and modernization of the existing fishing harbour at Sasoon Dock to improve its hygienic and sanitary conditions. The Mumbai Port Trust had in June, 2009 forwarded an estimate amounting `8.02 crore for renovation and modernization of the fishing harbour and the block cost estimate of this proposal has been revised to `25.50 crore in February, 2013 by the Port Trust.

(c) to (e) : The Mumbai Port Trust has informed that environment clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests is yet to be sought by them in this regard. Since the Port Trust is yet to (i) firm up the project cost and (ii) set up an institutional system to manage the fishing harbour in a professional manner as advised by the Department, the time by which the Central assistance is provided cannot be indicated at this stage.