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SHRIMP AND PADDY FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some States have evolved a farming system in which paddy and shrimp are grown in the same field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create awareness amongst the farmers and encourage them in the said farming?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Traditionally, in Pokkali fields of Kerala, paddy is grown in Kharif and shrimp is cultured in rabi, whereas, in coastal Andhra Pradesh, shrimp in kharif and paddy in rabi is practised.

(c) Need based technological support is being extended to the farmers by State Agricultural Universities and research institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for promoting paddy-shrimp cultivation. The Government under centrally sponsored scheme 'Development of Inland fisheries and aquaculture', provides assistance to state governments/UTs under the innovative component for development of integrated fish farming practices, which include paddy-cum-shrimp farming. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) also has scheme to extend financial assistance to encourage paddy and shrimp farming in the same field. Besides, under the Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), rice-fish farming system is promoted along with other integrated farming systems for the benefit of farmers.