

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1230

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HAZARDS FACED BY FISHERMEN COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the occupational, social and financial hazards faced by the fishermen community in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the report and the measures adopted to overcome these impediments including protecting the fishermen community from attacks, arrests etc. by foreign countries; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide facility for fish processing, storage and marketing?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No, Madam. However, a supplemental scheme called 'Coastal Security Scheme' is under implementation by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the 9 Coastal States and 4 Coastal Union Territories since 2005 for strengthening infrastructure for coastal patrolling and surveillance. Under the scheme, assistance has been/is being given to all the coastal States and UTs to set up 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts, 58 out posts and 30 operational barracks and to equip them with 204 boats, 153 jeeps and 312 motor cycles for mobility on the coast and in close coastal water.

(c) The Union Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operations to develop Post Harvest infrastructure operations with a view to augment fish production, ensuring food safety, generate more self employment opportunities for fisherwomen in fish processing & marketing, increase per capita fish consumption, improving socio-economic conditions of fishers and empowering women. Besides National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) provides financial assistance for implementation of scheme for establishment of required infrastructural facilities for hygienic handling, post harvest processing, storage, value addition, marketing of fish and modernization of fishing harbour and fish landing centres in various States/UTs.