

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 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 there is any special scheme for the benefit of fishermen community in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Madam. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture had in 2003 conducted 17th Live Stock Census. A statement indicating State-wise details of total number of fishermen in the country as per this Census is annexed.

(c) and (d) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture provides financial assistance through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes for overall development of fisheries sector and for the benefits of fishermen community in the country. Details of the schemes presently implemented by the Department for development of fishery sector as well as for the benefits of the fishermen are as below:

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations.
- (iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen.
- (iv) Central Sector Scheme on Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector.

Besides, the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad established by the Ministry of Agriculture during 2006 also implements various schemes for development of fisheries sector as well as for benefits of the fishermen in the country.

These schemes are demand driven as per the requirement of States/UTs.