

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING FISHERY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for the all round development of fishermen and promoting fisheries in the country including Karnataka and Punjab;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised by the Union Government for the growth of the fishery sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for enhancing the facilities for production and storage capacity and marketing of fishes?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The following Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector schemes exists for development of fisheries in the country (i)Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture (ii)Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations (iii)National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen (iv)Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System (v)National Fisheries Development Board. All States/ UTs including Karnataka and Punjab are eligible to avail assistance under these schemes.
- (b): All the Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector schemes relating to fisheries are demand driven and statewise allocations are not made. The details of funds released under various schemes relating to fisheries, statewise are at Annexure.
- (c): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations provides financial assistance for creation of post harvest infrastructure facilities including cold storages and marketing networks. Besides, Marine Products Export Development Authority and National Fisheries Development Board are also operating schemes that provide financial assistance for construction of cold storage plants for storage of fish and fishery products.