

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR FISH CULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to provide assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the development of fish culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture and the schemes of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) provide assistance to different States including Andhra Pradesh for development of fish culture. In addition, the Prime Minister's Package for suicide prone districts which is operational since 2006-07 also provides assistance to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries sector in the selected districts.

(c) During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 63 lakh has been released for development of fresh water aquaculture. A proposal of Rs. 75 lakh has been received in 2009-10 under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Development of Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture`. However, the State Govt. has been requested to send the progress report of Rs.63 lakh sanctioned during 2006-07 to consider further release of funds during the current financial year. Under the Prime Ministers package for suicide prone districts, a sum of Rs. 8.38 crore has been released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of freshwater aquaculture. In addition, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has provided Rs. 18.35 crore for various activities relating to fish culture in Andhra Pradesh.