

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RURAL AQUACULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote aquaculture technologies that integrate with the rice based farming system;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A new component titled Integrated Fish Farming which includes rice based farming system has been introduced in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture. In addition, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) guidelines also contain a provision to provide input subsidy at a rate of 20% of the unit cost for undertaking aquaculture in paddy fields.