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NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the objectives of the National Fisheries Development Board;
- (b) the manner in which the board is useful for fisheries sector as well as for fishermen;
- (c) whether the Government has clearly defined the responsibilities between the Board and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the impact on the fisheries sector?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) : The Objectives of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) are as below:

- (i) To bring major activities relating to fisheries and aquaculture for focused attention and professional management
- (ii) To coordinate activities pertaining to fisheries undertaken by different Ministries/Departments in the Central Government and also coordinate with the State/Union Territory Governments
- (iii) To improve production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of the products of capture and culture fisheries
- (iv) To achieve sustainable management and conservation of natural aquatic resources including the fish stocks
- (v) To apply modern tools of research and development including biotechnology for optimizing production and productivity from fisheries
- (vi) To provide modern infrastructure mechanisms for fisheries and ensure their effective management and optimum utilization
- (vii) To generate substantial employment
- (viii) To train and empower women in the fisheries sector

(ix) To enhance contribution of fish towards food and nutritional security

(b) to (d) The National Fisheries Development Board since its inception in July, 2006 has been implementing a wide range of fisheries developmental schemes such as intensive aquaculture in ponds and tanks, culture based capture fisheries in reservoirs, coastal aquaculture, mariculture, seaweed cultivation, modernisation of fishing harbours and fish landing centres, development of domestic markets and capacity building of fishers and fish farmers amongst many others. NFDB has been set up mainly to implement the fish production oriented programmes/schemes devised by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture. The Governing Body (GB) under the Chairmanship of the Union Agriculture Minister reviews the activities, provides direction and guidance for smooth functioning of the Board. The Executive Committee (EC), with the Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries as the Chairman, looks after the general superintendence, issue directions and control the functional affairs of the Board. The fisheries developmental programmes implemented by the Department including NFDB broadly attributed to augmentation of fish production in the country from 68.69 lakh tonne during 2006-07 to 95.79 lakh tonne during 2013-14.