

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1193
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DIVERSIFICATION OF FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide a comprehensive special package to various State Governments for diversification of fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is providing Rs. 1520 crore for initiation and Rs. 10 crore per annum for maintenance and dredging to the State Government of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): No, Madam. No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture to provide comprehensive special package to various State Governments for diversification of fisheries.
- (c) and (d): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture at present implementing following schemes for development of fisheries:(i) National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB), (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, (iii) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen (v) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System (GIS) of the Fisheries Sector. These schemes have no provisions for such comprehensive Special Package as requested by the Government of Tamil Nadu.