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Promotion of Fisheries in North Eastern States
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that fisheries declining performance is observed in North Eastern States during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of inland fisheries output recorded during the last three years in North Eastern States thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is fact that fisheries sector has ample opportunity to generate employment in North Eastern States; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote fisheries in North Eastern States and funds allocated by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : No, Madam. No decline is observed in the fisheries sector during the last three years in the North Eastern States. The fish production as reported by the North Eastern States during last three years, State-wise is given at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Madam. The fisheries sector has ample opportunity to generate employment in the North Eastern States. For development of fisheries, the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, is implementing the following Central Plan Schemes in various States and UTs including the North Eastern States:

- (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 of Fisheries Sector and
- (v) National Fisheries Development Board.

The details of the funds released to the North Eastern States during last three years under these schemes, State-wise, is given at Annexure-II. For the current financial year (2015-16), the total allocation for the above schemes is Rs.412.95 crore, including the North Eastern States