

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF FISHERMEN

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimated number of coastal and inland fishermen separately at present, State/UT-wise in the country;
- (b) the details of schemes being implemented for welfare of inland and coastal fishermen in the country;
- (c) whether the schemes being implemented for welfare of the fishermen have brought desired results; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the welfare of fishermen in the country ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): The details of total number of fishermen (coastal and inland) is at Annexure. Separate data on coastal and inland fishermen is not compiled centrally.

(b): Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries administers Central Sector Scheme on National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen under which assistance is provided to all State/Union Territories for Group Accident Personal Insurance; construction of low cost fishermen houses; Saving-cum-Relief and for training of fishermen. Under the scheme on Marine fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest operations assistance is provided for safety of fishermen at sea and for motorisation of traditional crafts.

(c)&(d):During Eleventh Plan 39,04,003 lakh fishermen were provided cover under Group Insurance Personal Accident scheme; 65,000 houses were approved for construction; 4,39,770 lakh fishermen were covered under Saving-cum-Relief component and 31,648 fishermen were provided training. During 12th Plan, the cost of construction of house has been increased for Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000, the accidental insurance cover has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh and relief amount paid to fishermen during the 3 months fishing ban period has been increased from Rs. 600 to Rs. 900 per month. Under the scheme Development of Marine Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, 3516 safety kits have been distributed and 8842 traditional crafts have been motorised during 11th Plan.