

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2015
BLUE REVOLUTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch blue revolution to develop fisheries sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the fisheries output in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether an expert committee headed by Meena Kumari has submitted its report on Deep Sea fishing Policy and Guidelines, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of widespread concern expressed by fishermen's communities over the implementation of Expert Committee Report and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the concerns of fishermen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 1 put in by Shri Mullappally Ramachandran and Shri K.C. Venugopal for answer on 24.02.2015 regarding Blue Revolution

(a) : In the Union budget of 2014-15, an amount of 50 crore was set aside for starting a blue revolution in Inland Fisheries. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is taking forward this initiative through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad.

(b) : Details of fisheries output during each of last three years and current year are furnished below:

Sl No.	Financial Year	Fish production (Quantity in '000 tones)	Total
1.	2011-12	8666.71	
2.	2012-13	9040.34	

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter		
3.	2013-14	2305.43	1703.03	2651.95	2844.21	9504.62
4.	2014-15	2497.76	1832.81	2748.98	-	7079.55

(up to 3rd
Quarter)

Source: Handbook on Fisheries Statistics 2014 published by Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries
#Current year data is provisional.

(c) and (d) : An Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture under the chairpersonship of Dr. B. Meenakumari for comprehensive review of deep-sea fishing policy and guidelines has submitted its report in August, 2014. It has primarily emphasized sustainable exploitation of the estimated fisheries potential of 4.41 million metric tonne in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Its recommendations inter-alia include simplification of Guidelines for conduct of fishing operations in Indian EEZ, further consultation on Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy and measures to ensure compliance with various international instruments, conventions related to fisheries which are ratified by India.

Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has since notified the revised guidelines on 12th November, 2014 for fishing operations in the EEZ.