

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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HARDSHIPS FACED BY FISHERMEN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that fishermen community is facing a lot of problems in the coastal states of the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the various steps taken by the Government to mitigate the problems of fishermen and promote fishing in these States?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Government has received representations in this regard from some of the Coastal States of the country including Tamilnadu regarding issues such as infrastructure development, promoting species specific fishing in deep sea, subsidy under Central Government schemes, welfare scheme of traditional fishermen community.

(c): The following steps have been taken for promotion of fisheries in the country including coastal states:

(1) Assistance is provided to all States/ UTs for overall development of fishery sector as well as for the benefits of the fishermen community by various schemes of Government of India viz (i) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations (ii) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture (iii) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System and (iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen.

(2) Guidelines for fishing operations in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone has been simplified and streamlined.

(3) Assistance is provided under the various schemes administered by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).