

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:229

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DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES SECTOR

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

(a) whether a declining trend has been observed in the performance of fisheries sector during the recent years; if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the inland and marine fisheries output recorded during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the fisheries sector has ample opportunity to generate employment and economic growth in the country, if so, the details thereof and the number of persons engaged in fisheries in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the details of plans/schemes undertaken/proposal for the development of the sector and the extent to which the employment and production of fisheries is likely to be increased as a result thereof?

**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. 229 put in by Shri Nagendra Kumar Pradhan and Shri Jose K. Mani for answer on 09.12.2014 regarding Development of Fisheries Sector

(a) : In the past three years, data reveal that the fish production in the country has registered an average annual growth of over 5% : production of 8.67 million tonne during 2011-12 has increased to 9.58 million tonne during 2013-14.

(b) : A statement indicating state-wise fish production recorded for both inland and marine sectors during the last three years is furnished at Annexure-I.

(c) : Yes, Madam. As per the Livestock Census-2003, out of a total of 14.5 million fishers population, about 3.40 million fishers are involved in fishing and allied activities. A statement indicating State-wise details of fisher's population is furnished at Annexure-II.

(d) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture is presently implementing schemes covering marine and inland fisheries as listed below;

(i) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen

(ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations

(iii) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture

(iv) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System (GIS) of the Fisheries Sector.

(v) National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB);

Fish production during 12th five year plan is expected to grow at an average of 6% annually, with consequent employment opportunities.