

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.589  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES**

589. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fisheries is an important economic activity and a flourishing sector with varied resources and potential in the country and if so, the details of the growth witnessed during the recent years;

(b) whether the Government has maintained any data about the number of people engaged for livelihood in the fisheries sector in the country and if so the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is taking various steps to attract more number of people to the sector by promoting and allocation of adequate funds for the fisheries sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there is immense scope for the further development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country; and

(f) if so, the measures taken by the Government during the last three years and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): Yes, Madam. Fisheries is an important economic activity and a flourishing sector with varied resources and potential in the country. The details of the growth rate in fish production witnessed during the last three years in inland and marine sector is given below:

Financial Year	Inland		Marine		Total	
	Production (lakh tonnes)	Growth Rate (%)	Production (lakh tonnes)	Growth Rate (%)	Production (lakh tonnes)	Growth Rate (%)
2014-15	66.91	9.04	35.69	3.66	102.60	7.1
2015-16	71.62	7.04	36.00	0.87	107.62	4.9
2016-17 (P)	77.68	8.46	36.41	1.14	114.09	6.0

(b): Yes, Madam. The Department has maintained data of the number of fishers engaged for livelihood in the fisheries sector in the country. The statement showing State-wise details of number of fishers engaged in fisheries sector are furnished at Annexure A.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The Department is taking various steps to attract more number of people to the fisheries sector by implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' and allocation of adequate funds to various States/UTs. A statement showing the State-wise details of tentative funds allocated under the CSS during the current financial year (2017-18) is at Annexure B.

(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. There is immense scope for the further development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country. The Department has provided financial assistance to various States/UTs for development of Inland fisheries and Aquaculture, Marine fisheries and post harvest infrastructure, welfare of fishermen, Strengthening of Database & Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector and Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and other need-based Interventions. The details of funds released by the Department for the development of fisheries sector to various States and UTs during last three years are as under:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount Released (Rs in lakh)</b>
2014-15	35335.98
2015-16	41680.94
2016-17	42411.00

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**ANNEXURE- A**

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.589 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF FISHERS ENGAGED IN FISHERIES**

S.No.	State Name	Total Number of members			
		Male	Female	Children	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	249386	250877	393102	893365
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1650	1376	1373	4399
3	Assam	131312	97986	161082	390380
4	Bihar	1391166	1266997	2301353	4959516
5	Chhatisgarh	621607	529697	760064	1911368
6	Goa	5521	4863	3586	13970
7	Gujarat	134475	129900	228880	493255
8	Haryana	5910	3322	7259	16491
9	Himachal Pradesh	1537	1372	2713	5622
10	Jammu & Kashmir	9628	7593	13232	30453
11	Jharkhand	577908	571584	781428	1930920
12	Karnataka	55809	52898	50245	158952
13	Kerala	224007	317758	206072	747837
14	Madhya Pradesh	213888	200607	302479	716974
15	Maharashtra	63354	46603	61873	171830
16	Manipur	25009	24091	21368	70468
17	Meghalaya	525	504	1354	2383
18	Mizoram	5498	5312	7097	17907
19	Nagaland	5762	5519	3581	14862
20	Odisha	70971	48334	60721	180026
21	Punjab	2150	1874	5061	9085
22	Rajasthan	2638	1693	2985	7316
23	Sikkim	9893	8353	8568	26814
24	Tamilnadu	171992	156107	148519	476618
25	Tripura	15966	13177	17590	46733
26	Uttar Pradesh	70373	48892	59799	179064
27	Uttaranchal	32	23	35	90
28	West Bengal	587214	205198	119210	911622
29	Andaman & Nicobar	9859	7693	0	17552
30	Chandigarh	198	109	172	479
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	7649	7756	10080	25485
33	Delhi	485	475	1555	2515
34	Lakshadweep	10408	2621	0	13029
35	Puducherry	12378	12799	12797	37974
	Total	4696158	4033963	5755233	14485354

Source: 17th Live Stock Census 2003 (Appeared in the Handbook on Fisheries Statistics 2014)

