

**Eegarding need to re-open the Fishery Survey of India base office at Paradip, Odisha-Laid**

**SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR):** The State of Odisha has a coastline of 480 km in the North East (NE) coast of India. Coast of Odisha and West Bengal are the major player in marine capture fisheries in North East coast contributing nearly 10% of total marine catch of the country. The NE coast is highly vulnerable and fishermen community are mostly affected due to the natural disaster. The Fishery Survey of India an institute under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying plays vital role in providing relevant information on quick policy action, but FSI is no more existing in Odisha now. In the absence of FSI, fishery resources survey, assessment and monitoring etc. are severely affected. It is true that FSI's presence in Odisha was way back to 1973 as Exploratory Fisheries Project and was located at Paradip in Odisha. However, due to various reasons in the year 1991, Paradip base of FSI was closed. Hence, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Minister to kindly initiate re-opening of the FSI base office at Paradip, Odisha at the earliest possible considering the greater interest of the fishing community of Odisha which was closed 34 years ago without any valid reason.