

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1964  
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FISH PRODUCTION IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has assured Karnataka that the Centre would offer all assistance to tackle the fish drought;
- (b) if so, whether at a seminar on inland fisheries, organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and Fisheries Department, the ICAR observed that fish production in Karnataka was the lowest when compared with other States;
- (c) whether the Union Government emphasized the need for taking precautions to ensure that some of the fish varieties do not become extinct; and
- (d) if so, the help and assistance provided to Karnataka in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) During the Brain Storming Workshop on `Strategies for Enhancement of Inland Fish Production in Karnataka` on 8th January 2003, it was observed that there is scope for enhancing fish production in the State, considering the trends of production over the years, as also the fish productivity in tanks.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Not applicable.