

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INLAND FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the trends in production and productivity of inland fisheries in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the operational details of shrimp and fish culture project of the Union Government;
- (c) whether there is a growing danger of riverine fisheries due to river pollution in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to mitigate this trend?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): There is an increasing trend in inland fish production in the country during the last three years as given in the following table. Productivity of inland fishery resources it is not maintained by the Government, however, productivity from ponds and tanks brought under fish culture under the programme of freshwater aquaculture development is about 2.3 tonnes/ha/year.

Year	Inland Fish Production(in 000` tonnes)
2001-02	3126
2002-03	3210
2003-04	3458

(b): No shrimp and fish culture project of the Government is under implementation at present.

(c)&(d): Investigations on fisheries of River Ganga has shown that catch of certain species of fish are declining due to multiple factors, like, hydrographic and physiographic changes of the riverine eco-system, depletion of quantum of water, construction of dams and barrages, over- exploitation of resource, destruction of breeding grounds as well as deterioration of water quality due to organic and pollutant loads specially near industrial cities. Efforts are being made through code of conduct of responsible fisheries to rehabilitate the riverine fisheries in the country.