

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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FISHING HARBOUR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of fishing harbours functioning in Gujarat during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to set up some new fishing harbours in the State during 2005-2006;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure quality and hygiene at each harbour; and
- (d) the action taken to promote fisheries in the State?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Four fishing harbours viz. Veraval, Mangrol (Stage-I and Stage-II), Porbandar and Jakhau are functioning in Gujarat during last three years.

(b): The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, during current financial year(2004-05) has accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Gujarat for construction of two new fishing harbours one Dholai in Navasari District and other at Okha in Jamnagar District. At present the Government of Gujarat proposes no new fishing harbours for 2005-06.

(c): The Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been providing 50% financial assistance for modernization and upgradation of the existing fishing harbours and fish landing centres to ensure the hygienic handling of fish catches.

In March 2001, a sum of Rs.49 lakh has been released to the Government of Gujarat for repair and renovation of three fishing harbours, namely, Veraval, Mangrol and Porbandar.

(d): The Government of India has been providing financial and technical assistance under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes to promote the fisheries in Gujarat as detailed below:

(i) Besides four fishing harbours, 21 fish landing centres have been developed along the coast of Gujarat with the Central assistance.

(ii) Under the scheme on Re-imbursement of Central Excise duty on HSD Oil, a total of 37895 numbers of fishing vessels have been provided with HSD subsidy during the period from 1997-98 to 2001-02.

(iii) Under the programme on Motorization of Traditional Craft, a total of 675 traditional craft: have been motorized during the period from 1999 to 2003-04.

(iv) The programme of Fresh Water Aquaculture Development has been implemented through 21 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and an area of 61322 hectares has been brought under farming involving 17583 till 2003-04. A total of 25886 fish farmers have also been trained under this programme in improved fish farming practice.

(v) Under the National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen financial assistance has been provided to Government of Gujarat for construction of 2428 fishermen houses, 72 tube wells and 10 community halls since 9th Plan period and till date.

(vi) In order to promote information technology in fishery sector, adequate financial assistance has been extended to the Government of Gujarat under the Central Sector Scheme on Strengthening of Database and Information Networking for Fishery Sector.

In addition, French technical financial assistance through soft loan has also been provided to the Government of Gujarat for development of a fresh water prawn seed hatchery with a capacity to produce 40 million post larvae per annum at Umarwada.

