

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the implementation of pilot project for the development of cold water fisheries and aquaculture in hilly areas and utilization of inland Saline/alkaline soil for Aquaculture with central assistance in Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, Uttaranchal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh with the participation of the concerned Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute;

(b) if so, the details and results thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): A pilot scheme on Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture in hilly regions was implemented in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Sikkim during 2001-02 for which 100 per cent grant was given by the Government of India to undertake survey of water bodies, construction/ re-modeling of farms as well as for providing the other required inputs. A similar Scheme for productive utilization of inland Saline/ alkaline for aquaculture was also implemented during 2001-02 in the States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh with 100 per cent assistance from Government of India.

(b): Based on the initial findings of the pilot schemes, provisions have been made during the 10th Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture for undertaking the components on cold water fisheries and aquaculture as well as productive utilization of inland Saline/ alkaline waters for aquaculture. States can avail assistance under this Scheme for the above purposes and the expenditure on developmental activities will be shared on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the States.

(c): Question does not arise.