

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3790
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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF FISH IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is sharp decline in the production of fish in Gujarat during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a vast scope to increase fish production specially in Saurashtra and Kutch regions in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There has been a shortfall in overall fish production from the State as per details furnished below:

(Quantity in tonnes)

Year	Inland	Marine	Total
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2002-2003	34267	743638	777905
2003-2004	45479	609100	654579

The decline is due to fall in the marine fish production which is attributed mainly to fall in per unit catch.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing various schemes for augmenting capture and culture production of fish. Further, the Government is also implementing closed season for sea fishing every year during monsoon period with a view to replenishing the marine resources.