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RESEARCH ON POST TSUNAMI CHANGES IN INLAND FISHERY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and locations of Inland fishery research units of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the Inland water areas covered by each unit, State-wise;
- (c) whether Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI) of ICAR has conducted any research on ecological environmental and Inland fishery changes caused by Tsunami;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (e) the action being taken thereon;
- (f) whether there is any proposal to shift CIFRI unit in Kerala to Bangalore; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, Kolkata, West Bengal, a constituent of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), is mandated to undertake research work in Inland Fisheries, with its Regional Centres at Allahabad (U.P.), Bangalore (Karnataka), Guwahati (Assam) and Vadodara (Gujarat) and field centers at Karnal (Haryana), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) and Alappuzha (Kerala).
- (b) The Institute covers the inland water areas comprising rivers, estuaries, reservoirs and lakes. The Headquarters and the Regional Centres cover the inland fisheries of the states in which they are located as well as the adjacent states.
- (c) While there was no significant impact of Tsunami on inland fisheries of the State of Kerala, the CIFRI made some observations on the water quality of Kayamkulam lake.
- (d) Except for marginal increments in salinity and conductivity of water in Kayamkulam lake in the early 2005, no other major changes in the ecology or fishery were observed.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) The research work on Vembanad and Kayamkulam lake assigned to Alappuzha centre has been completed. While considering the Tenth Plan proposals of the CIFRI, Barrackpore on 20.06.2003, the Expenditure Finance Committee decided to merge and shift the Alappuzha Research Centre of CIFRI with Bangalore Research Centre of CIFRI with a view to consolidate the R&D efforts. The other reasons for such decision of shifting/merger of the Centre are present research relevance, proper utilization of scientists and associated manpower, avoidance of duplication of research efforts and strengthening of identified Centres for strategic and applied research.