

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MINISTRY FOR FISHERIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Ministry for fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the welfare of fishermen?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN )

(a ): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government of India has taken various steps through Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes by providing financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for the welfare of fishermen. These schemes are broadly comprised of namely

- (i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture,
- (ii) development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations,
- (iii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Training and Extension,
- (iv) Strengthening of Database and Information Networking and
- (v) Assistance to the Fisheries based Institutes of Department.

One of the Schemes namely, National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Training & Extension is designed to provide basic amenities like housing, drinking water, Community Hall along with Group Accident Insurance for active Fishermen and financial assistance to Fishermen in lean season.