Gap between potential and achievement in fisheries sector

2209. SHRIMATI RENUK A CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gap between potential and achievement in the fisheries sector is quite high. If so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State-wise: and
- (b) the fresh steps taken by Government to reduce this gap by setting up various facilities required for the improvement in the sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Planning Commission envisages an annual average growth of 6% for fisheries sector during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. As against this, envisioned growth, a growth of 5.96% has been achieved during 2013-14. To achieve the desired growth the Government has taken the following measures:

 Government of India has production and welfare oriented schemes for development of fisheries in the country such as:

- (a) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure & Post Harvest operation
- (b) Development of Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture
- (c) Strengthening of Data base and GIS of Fisheries Sector
- (d) National Fisheries Development Board
- (e) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen
- (ii) Impetus and further boost through assistance programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Mission for Protein Supplements (NMPS).

Bird-flu in Kerala

2210. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noticed outbreak of Bird-flu in Kerala recently, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether precautions have been taken to control this, and for future prevention, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) The outbreak of Bird-Flu in Purakkad and Thalavady panchayats of District Alappuzha and Aimanam in district Kottayam of Kerala was notified on 25.11.2014.

The Department took all necessary precautions to control the outbreak of Bird-Flu. On confirmation of disease, State was immediately advised to take necessary measures like identifying alert zone, movement restrictions of poultry and poultry products, formation of Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) etc. A notification on the disease was issued for control and containment operations by the State Government as per Action Plan on Prevention, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza. Immediately team of Experts from Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (SRDDL), Bangalore was deputed. One expert from the Department was permanently deputed to assist in Control and Containment measures. One more team of Scientist from National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal was deputed for technical assistance.

There were also further reports of mortality in ducks at Chennithala of district Alappuzha and Vallikkumaram of district Kottayam. The outbreaks at these two