

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Merging schemes of fisheries sector**

2721. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to merge all existing schemes of fisheries sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for increasing production and productivity from aquaculture and fisheries resources both in land and marine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has restructured the existing schemes of the fisheries sector by merging them under the umbrella of a Central Plan scheme: "Blue revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" at a total central outlay of ₹ 3000 crore for five years. The Blue Revolution scheme, with its multi-dimensional activities, focuses mainly on increasing fish production and productivity from aquaculture and other fishery resources in the country. Under the Blue Revolution scheme for increase in fish production and productivity the focus is on the use of modern and innovative technology, better quality seeds and feed and optimal utilization of the various fishery resources available in the country like ponds and tanks, wetlands, brackish water, cold water, lakes and reservoirs, rivers and canals and the marine sector in a sustainable manner.

Creation of separate Ministry for Fisheries

2722. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

SHRI K. K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several times the Central Fisheries Board and the State Fisheries Ministry have recommended for creation of an independent Ministry of Fisheries at the Central Government level; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the said recommendation?