

Statement-II

*Details regarding the area and production of Kharif pulses
during 2015-16 and 2016-17*

Area in lakh ha : production in million tonnes							
Sl. No.	Crop	Kharif Area		Increase(+)/ Decrease(-)	Kharif Production (million tonnes)		Increase(+)/ Decrease(-)
		2015-16*	2016-17**		2015-16*	2016-17**	
1.	Pulses	113.61	136.09	(+) 22.48	5.54	8.70	(+) 3.16

*4th Advance estimates of DES for the year 2015-16.

**1st Advance estimates of DES for the year 2016-17.

Setting up of new fishing harbours in Tamil Nadu

3386. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up new fishing harbours in Tamil Nadu under any Central Scheme to enhance the livelihoods of fishermen, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any special assistance component in the Central Plan for the fishermen, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu has indicated their willingness to set up new fishing harbours at two locations namely, Mookaiyur and Rameshwaram in Ramanathapuram District and augmentation of the existing fishing harbour at Ennore in Tiruvallur District. Based on submission of one complete proposal by the State Government, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has in September, 2016 approved the construction of a fishing harbour at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram District at a total cost of ₹ 113.90 crore with 50% Central financial assistance amounting to ₹ 56.95 crore under the Central Plan Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries. The first instalment of Central share of ₹ 5 crore has been released to the Government of Tamil Nadu in September, 2016.

(b) and (c) The Central Plan Scheme 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' being implemented by the DADF aims for an integrated

development and management of the fisheries sector covering inland fisheries, aquaculture, marine fisheries, mariculture, cage/pen culture and creation of fisheries infrastructure. The scheme has various broad components namely, (i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations, (iii) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and its activities, (iv) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, (v) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of the Fisheries Sector and (vi) Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and other need based interventions. Admissible Central financial assistance under this scheme is provided to the eligible fishers, fish farmers and others through the concerned State Government and UT Administrations.

Assistance to fishing sector in Tamil Nadu

3387. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to provide special package of ₹ 975 crore for diversification of fisheries in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of the Government's action in this regard;

(c) the effective steps taken by Government in providing adequate financial and logistic support to the fishing sector and for development of fishermen in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the total funds allocated for the same in the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to provide special package for diversification of fisheries in the coastal districts of Tamil Nadu was received in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF). The said proposal was examined in consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu, taking into account the resource potential in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and permissible fleet-size for sustainable utilization of the marine resources. The said proposal was also consulted with appraisal Departments/Ministries. On the basis of comments received from appraisal Ministries/Departments, it was decided to contemplate a new scheme for promotion of traditional fishers in deep-sea fishing and mariculture, which also covers the fishers from Tamil Nadu.

(c) The DADF has formulated a scheme, namely, 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' which has components to provide financial