

To promote the various farm mechanization technology including Happy Seeder Technology, Government of India has introduced Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) *w.e.f.* 2014-15, under which, financial assistance is provided to State Governments including Karnataka State for demonstration, training, distribution, establishment of Custom Hiring Centers of various agricultural machinery and implements.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research's (ICAR) All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) centres on Farm Implements and Machinery (FIM) located at Choudhari Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar (Haryana) and Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences (SHUATS), Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh) have conducted prototype Feasibility Testing of Happy seeder in an area of 12 ha. and 18.25 ha., respectively during 12th plan. The centre located at Panjab Agricultural University (PAU) Ludhiana has conducted front line Demonstration of Happy Seeder in an area of 158 ha. during 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Plan to replenish fish resources in Tamil Nadu

1455. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fish resources have exhausted within 12 nautical miles of coastal areas, including Tamil Nadu in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any plan to replenish fish resources within 12 nautical miles of coastal areas, including Tamil Nadu; 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) No, Sir. No such reports have been received in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. As per the report of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, the marine fish landings in India were 3.63 million tonnes during 2016, showing 6.6% increase in comparison to 2015 (3.40 million tonnes). In marine fish landings, Tamil Nadu has ranked second in 2016 with a share of 7.07 lakh tonnes amongst the maritime States/UTs.

(b) and (c) Fishing and fisheries within 12 nautical miles of territorial waters is a subject matter of the respective maritime States/UTs. Accordingly, formulation of any plan relating to fisheries regulation, management and development of fishery resources within the 12 nautical miles falls under the jurisdiction of the respective maritime States/UTs.