

perspective plans for their respective States and ensuring effective implementation of the programmes/schemes. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various Schemes/ Programmes.

Government has taken several steps for increasing investment in agriculture sector such as enhanced institutional credit to farmers; promotion of scientific warehousing infrastructure for increasing shelf life of agricultural produce; setting up of Agri-tech Infrastructure Fund for making farming competitive and profitable; developing commercial organic farming etc.

Further, under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, which is a major scheme for incentivizing States to increase investment in agriculture and allied sectors, 35% of annual outlay has been earmarked for infrastructure and asset development.

Apart from this, the Government has created various corpus funds like Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF), Micro Irrigation Fund, Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund, Fisheries and Aqua Culture Infrastructure Development Fund, Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund etc. to bring focus on infrastructure development in agriculture and allied sectors.

Development of fishermen

†3018. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing some schemes for the development and enhancement of the income of fishermen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any review to implement above schemes in appropriate manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES (SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI): (a) and (b) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries at a total central outlay of ₹3000 crore in

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all the States/UTs for the development of marine and inland fisheries including infrastructure and welfare of fishermen. Besides, in order to address the infrastructure requirements for fisheries sector, the Department during 2018-19 also created a dedicated fund namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of ₹ 7522.48 crore. The CSS and FIDF *inter-alia* aims for development of fisheries sector including creation of employment opportunities and enhancement of fishers and fish farmers' income. The Government of India during the year 2018-19 has extended the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers to help them to meet their working capital needs. Under KCC facility, interest subvention is available for animal husbandry and fisheries farmers at 2% per annum at the time of disbursement of loan and an additional interest subvention of 3 % per annum in case of prompt repayment as Prompt Repayment Incentive.

(c) and (d) A two tier system has been institutionalized for the implementation of the CSS Blue Revolution. This includes (a) State Level Approval and Monitoring Committee (SLAMC) in each state headed by the Secretary in charge of fisheries, (b) Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) in the Department of Fisheries headed by Joint Secretary (Fisheries). These two committees are responsible to approve, monitor and review of the projects/activities under the CSS-Blue Revolution. Besides, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) is a technical arm of the Department of Fisheries, which is responsible for technical scrutiny and evaluation of the scheme proposals and monitoring the progress of the scheme.

Assistance to bamboo producing farmers

†3019. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is being provided by Government to bamboo producing farmers in the country at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of work carried out in this regard in Maharashtra, especially in Konkan region, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The restructured National

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