

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2017

PROMOTION OF FISHERIES

725: SHRI. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote the fishing sector of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any new steps for promoting export of special tuna fish from Lakshadweep; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the Central Plan Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries provides financial assistance to all State Governments and Union Territories including Lakshadweep for promoting fisheries Sector. The Blue Revolution Scheme, with its multi-dimensional activities, focuses mainly on increasing fisheries production and productivity from aquaculture and fisheries resources. Besides, the Administration of Lakshadweep is also implementing schemes for development of fisheries.
- (c) and (d): The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry has convened a meeting of officials of Kerala State Cooperative Federation for Fisheries Development Ltd. (MATSYAFED), National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) and a representative exporter to explore the export prospects of tuna from Lakshadweep on 06-01-2017. One of the exporters has shown interest in setting up of tuna processing facility in Lakshadweep with the technical assistance from Japan. A team from the exporter side visited the Island during the second week of January, 2017. MPEDA has offered all possible assistance in this regard.
