GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.352 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018

PERFORMANCE OF FISHERIES SECTOR

*352. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the fisheries sector is declining in the North-Eastern States during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the inland fisheries output recorded during the last three years in these States and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that fisheries sector has sufficient opportunity to generate employment in the North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote fisheries in these States along with the funds allocated during the above period, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 352 put in by Shri Ram Prasad Sarmah for answer on 20th March, 2018 regarding Performance of Fisheries Sector

- (a) & (b): No decline is observed in the fisheries sector during the last three years in the North Eastern States. The fish production as reported by the North Eastern States during last three years, State-wise is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The fisheries sector has ample opportunity to generate employment in the North Eastern States. For development of fisheries, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries with following components in various States and UTs including the North Eastern States:
 - (i) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations,
 - (ii) National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen,
 - (iii) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture,
 - (iv) Strengthening of Database and Geographical Information System of Fisheries Sector and
 - (v) National Fisheries Development Board.

The details of the funds released to the North Eastern States during last three years under these schemes, State-wise is given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Fish production in the North Eastern States during last three years.

(in '000 tonnes)

S.No.	Name of the State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 *
1	Arunachal Pradesh	4.00	4.05	4.11
2	Assam	282.70	294.20	306.60
3	Manipur	30.50	32.04	32.00
4	Meghalaya	6.04	11.34	0.01
5	Mizoram	6.39	6.83	7.63
6	Nagaland	7.84	8.22	8.61
7	Tripura	65.16	69.06	72.45
8	Sikkim	0.44	0.40	0.40
	Total	403.07	426.14	431.81

 \ast The figures for 2016-17 is provisional

Funds released to North Eastern States during last three years under Fisheries schemes

(Rs.	in	lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Arunachal Pradesh	98.72	81.30	0.00
2	Assam	915.91	1881.12	1762.66
3	Manipur	273.77	784.69	59.94
4	Meghalaya	0.00	72.20	1042.16
5	Mizoram	564.62	1165.37	1402.05
6	Nagaland	2095.97	921.88	1018.32
7	Sikkim	27.24	34.95	380.16
8	Tripura	66.65	528.38	1047.49
	TOTAL	4042.87	5469.90	6712.78
