

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2222
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2018

**NON-AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY SEEDS FOR PRODUCTION OF VANNAMEI
PRAWNS**

2222: DR RAVINDRA BABU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the non-availability of quality seeds for production of Vannamei Prawns is leading towards a large number of incidents of 'white spot disease' in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that spurious seeds are creating problem for Vannamei Prawn farmers in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SMT. KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) No, Madam. There are no reports to indicate that incidents of White Spot Disease in the country including Andhra Pradesh are due to non-availability of quality seed for *L.vannamei* shrimp farming.

(b) & (c) Use of shrimp seed obtained from spurious sources may be one of the reasons for disease incidents in *L.vannamei* farms adversely affecting production. However, the seed production and culture of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) *L.vannamei* in the country including Andhra Pradesh is regulated through the Guidelines notified under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act and Rules. Accordingly, the officials of Coastal Aquaculture Authority and State Fisheries Departments are monitoring the hatcheries and farms and taking appropriate action against the violating hatcheries and farms. The Government is encouraging production of SPF *L.vannamei* seed through registered hatcheries imported SPF Broodstock and also setting up of SPF shrimp Broodstock Multiplication Centres (BMCs) in the country for ensuring availability of good quality seed for *L.vannamei* farms.
