

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

Promotion of New Systems of Aquaculture

†275. **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether concrete steps have been taken or are being taken by the Government to promote biofloc and re-circulating aquaculture system for fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the schemes being run by the Government for construction of new ponds in addition to revival of dying ponds for fisheries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India since 2015-16 has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries with a total central outlay of Rs.3000 crore for development of fisheries in the country including promotion of innovative technology in the field of fisheries and aquaculture. The CSS *inter-alia* provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for taking up innovative activities and adoption of new technologies such as Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) etc. Under the CSS 398 units of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) with central share of Rs.26.805 crore have been taken up during the past four years 2015-16 to 2018-19.

(c) Under the CSS on Blue Revolution : Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries financial assistance is provided for development of freshwater and brackish water aquaculture including construction of ponds, renovation of existing ponds/tanks, renovation of MNERGA ponds and tanks, rejuvenation of Urban/ Semi-Urban/ Rural Lakes/Tanks for fish culture including input costs. Besides, the Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) *inter-alia* provides concessional finance for development of infrastructure for aquaculture.
