GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1557 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8^{TH} DECEMBER, 2015

ABANDONED FISH FARMS

1557. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE: DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of fish farms are abandoned in various States of the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any representation from the various State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government is considering to revive these abandoned fish farms particularly in Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to revive these fish farms and increase shrimp and fish production in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (e): As informed by some of the State Governments, including Maharashtra, some of the fish farms have been abandoned in the country. However, no representation from State Governments has been received in this regard in the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. For development of fisheries and increasing production of fish, including shrimp, in the country, assistance is provided to fish farmers, fishery cooperatives and Self Help Groups (SHG) etc. for activities like construction and renovation of fish ponds and tanks, purchase of one time inputs like seed and feed for aquaculture, establishment of fish seed hatcheries and training and skill development in various aquaculture activities under the schemes "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture", "National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)" and "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)".
