

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2795
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2016

BROOD STOCK MULTIPLICATION CENTRES

2795. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is importing its shrimp brood stock from the USA and other countries;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to establish more Brood Stock Multiplication Centres both in Public and Private Sectors in order to avoid dependency on other countries for all the domestic requirements;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the development of aquaculture in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) To encourage and promote establishment of Shrimp Broodstock Multiplication Centres (BMCs) for increasing production and productivity of shrimp aquaculture sector, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has issued guidelines for regulating the establishment and operation of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) Shrimp Broodstock Multiplication Centres in the coastal areas. These guidelines stipulate the norms and procedures for establishment and operation of BMCs both in public and private sectors. The said guidelines are also aimed at ensuring that BMCs function in an effective way addressing all biosecurity and sustainability issues and also by instituting environmental safeguards.

(d) The Ministry has restructured the fishery sector schemes by merging all the ongoing schemes under an umbrella scheme of “Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries” which cover activities like fresh water aquaculture, brackish water aquaculture, cold water aquaculture, mariculture etc. Besides, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) also provides financial assistance for various aquaculture activities like intensive aquaculture in ponds & tanks, trout culture, cage and pen culture, coastal aquaculture, mariculture and ornamental fish culture.
