



**LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2019-20), presented the Fifth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2019-20) of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 12 December, 2019.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under:

<b><u>Creation of a new Department of Fisheries- Appreciated</u></b>	<b>While appreciating the initiative to create a new Department of Fisheries to exploit huge potential for employment generation in Fisheries Sector, the Committee have recommended the Government to identify the gap in legislation which hinders optimum utilization of potential of Fisheries Sector in the Country and to introduce the requisite Bills in Parliament for this purpose.</b>  <b>(Recommendation No. 1)</b>
<b><u>Increase in Allocation- Recommended</u></b>	<b>While noting meagre allocations to the Department of Fisheries, the Committee have recommended the Department to take up the matter with the Ministry of Finance to increase its share in the Central Budget so that full potential of the Fisheries Sector can be realized and its Schemes do not suffer for want of funds.</b>  <b>(Recommendation No. 2)</b>

<p><b><u>Fresh Survey of Fish Production Potential-Recommended</u></b></p>	<p>While acknowledging the growth potential of the Country in Fisheries Sector to reach the level of China, the Committee have recommended the Department of Fisheries to have a fresh survey of the fish production potential in Country and identify the areas which can help to enhance fish production in minimum possible time and investment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation No.6)</p>
<p><b><u>Sufficient Allocation for National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)-Recommended</u></b></p>	<p>While appreciating the role of National Fisheries Board (NFDB) in enhancing fish production and productivity in the country and in coordinating fishery development in an integrated and holistic manner, the Committee have again strongly recommended the government to make sufficient Allocation of funds to NFDB as per its actual needs so that its Schemes do not suffer due to want of funds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation No.8)</p>
<p><b><u>Framing of Guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)-Recommended</u></b></p>	<p>While appreciating the government for proposed Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in the Budget 2019-20 aimed at establishing a robust Fisheries Management Framework, the Committee have recommended the Department to formulate the Operational Guidelines for PMMSY at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation No.10)</p>