GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. **13**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24THFEBRUARY, 2015

**QUARANTINE FACILITIES**

**13. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री

 be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quarantine facilities in Chennai at present are sufficient to handle 2.5 lakh animals per annum only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that with the mushrooming of hatcheries more than 3 lakh seedlings would be required;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that to bridge the deficit some of the farmers as well as hatcheries are restoring to localized breeding thereby affecting the quality; and

(f) if so, the steps being proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE**

**(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The annual capacity of the Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF) at Chennai is sufficient to quarantine 2,64,000 specific pathogen free (SPF) broodstock of *L. vannamei.*

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

 (e) & (f): Some hatcheries resort to production through farm raised broodstock for higher profits even though there is no deficit in availability of SPF broodstock. Action is initiated by Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) against unauthorised hatcheries as well as against hatcheries violating the Guidelines and the conditions of import.

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