

**STARRED QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY DR. DONKUPAR ROY, MLA DURING
THE BUDGET SESSION OF THE MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2013**

*9. Will the Minister in charge Fisheries
Department, be pleased to state:

a) The number (and their locations) of functioning Hatcheries in the State? The Department of Fisheries has 3 fish hatcheries as below:

(1) Digrichiring Fish farm, in Rongram Block, West Garo Hills district, with an area of 7.6 hectares. This hatchery has been renovated recently and has commenced production.

(2) Regional Fish Seed Farm, Jamge (East Garo Hills district). The farm is being comprehensively renovated with RKVY funding support.

(3) Umsning Fish Farm, Umsning (Ri-Bhoi district). The area of the farm is 3.67 hectares. The farm is being renovated with RKVY funding support.

b) The Production of Fish Seeds from the above Hatcheries annually

(i) Digrichiring: The production of fish seed during the first year after renovation was 2.60 lakh fish seed (2011-12). The production of fish seed from this Hatchery will increase to 12.50 lakh in a year's time.

(ii) Jamge: Fish seed production will commence after the completion of renovation which is expected to take one year more.

(iii) Umsning: Currently under renovation with RKVY funding support and the capacity of the Farm is 24 lakh fingerlings. The production is expected to start in six month's time.

Memo. No. PISC(G)18/2013/3-A

Dated Shillong the 19th March, 2013

1. Copy in quadruplicate forwarded to the Joint Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly with reference to letter No.LB.19/LA/2013/3 dated 14-3-2013.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister in-charge Fisheries for information of the Chief Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary for information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Parliamentary Affairs Department.
5. The Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department.
6. The Director of Fisheries, Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Chief Minister's Secretariat for information.

By order etc.,



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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Fisheries ::: Department

Supplementary Notes on Fish Hatcheries:

Government Hatcheries:

1. Digrichiring Fish Farm: -

The Farm is located at Rongram Block WGH and was established during the year 1972-73. The total area of the farm is 7.6 Ha. With 6 nos. of stocking ponds, 2 nos. of rearing ponds, and 30 nos. of nursery ponds.

One unit of Chinese Eco Hatchery comprising of 1(one) breeding pool, and 2 (two) hatching Pool were installed in the Farm. The hatchery is functional till date and fish seed production from the Hatchery is 2,06,000 nos. It is expected that the full production will be achieved in a year's time taking it to 12.50 lakh fish seeds.

2. Regional Fish- seed Farm Jamge: -

The Farm is located within the Office Complex of the Farm Superintendent, Jamge. It was established during the year 1985-86. The total area of the farm is 3.48 Ha., with 5 nos. of stocking ponds, 5 nos. of Rearing ponds, and 37 nos. Nursery ponds.

At Present the Farm is non- functional and renovation work is being taken up under RKVY. The total amount spent for the works is Rs. 49 lakh.

3. Umsning Fish Farm: -

The farm is located at Umsning which is 23 km. from Nongpoh. It was taken over from the Assam Govt. The Total area of the farm is 3.672 ha. With 2 (two) nos. of Stocking Pond, 4 (four) nos. of Rearing Ponds and 12 (twelve) nos. nursery ponds.

Renovation of the Farm taken up under RKV Y during 2008-09 and 2009-10 where 1(one) unit of Hatchery was installed and production will commence w.e.f 2013-2014 and the anticipated production from the Hatchery is 24 lakh fingerlings.

4. There are no private fish hatcheries in the state as of now.

5. Through Bundh breeding and Happa breeding production of fingerlings is taking place in both Government farms as well as in private sector. Fish seed production figures through the above methods are as below:

Farm	Fish Seed Production	
	2010-11	2011-12
Departmental		
Fish Dale Farm (East Khasi Hills)	3,66,000	50,000
Porsohsat (West Khasi Hills)	87,000	92,500

Farm	Fish Seed Production	
	2010-11	2011-12
Laitblieh (West Khasi Hills)	10,000	10,000
Kyrdemkulai (Ri-Bhoi)	12,000	6,000
Umsning (Ri-Bhoi)	-	10,000
Old Thadlaskein (Jaintia Hills)	74,000	1,00,000
New Thadlaskein (Jaintia Hills)	35,000	40,000
Gangdubi (East Garo Hills)	32,300	80,000
Williamnagar Tank (East Garo Hills)	30,000	60,000
Jamge Regional Fish Farm (East Garo Hills)	26,000	25,900
Digrichiring (West Garo Hills)	1,74,900	2,06,000
Dalu (West Garo Hills)	-	15,000
Gasuapara (South Garo Hills)	1,52,000	2,40,000
Mawpun Research Centre (Ri-Bhoi)	26,000	42,000
Total	10,25,200	9,77,400
Private Sector	2,52,000	22,91,500

Efforts made under Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission:

- (1) 5 nos. of beneficiaries have been assisted for the Establishment of Eco Hatcheries in the Private Sector across the State under the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission during 2011-12. The production from these hatcheries will commence with effect from 2013-14 and it is expected that these hatcheries will produce 120 lakh Fingerlings.
- (2) During the year 2012-13 the Department under the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission has proposed for:
 1. Establishment of 16 nos. of Eco Hatcheries in the Private Sector at a unit cost of Rs. 16 Lakh for each hatchery at 60% subsidy. The total amount of subsidy involved is Rs. 144 lakh. It is expected that 384 lakh nos. of Fingerlings will be produced from these hatcheries.
 2. Establishment of 32 nos. of FRP Hatcheries across the State at a unit cost of Rs. 3.9564 lakh per hatchery. It is expected that 320 lakh fingerlings will be produced from these Hatcheries.