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Subject: Guidelines for Reporting Fish Seed production data-Reg.

Adequate availability of quality stocking material for different categories of water bodies is of paramount importance for the success of Blue Revolution. Fish Fingerling production is the single most important critical input visualised to achieve fish production targets through culture based fisheries. Barring few States, that too in terms of fry (15-20 mm size), all other States have a huge deficit of Fingerling production (standard size 80-100 mm). Use of better quality of brooders is another significant aspect to be addressed.

2. The survival rate of fingerlings is always higher in grow-out ponds as they are less susceptible for predation, less vulnerable to disease and more tolerant towards environmental fluctuations. They invariably result in higher production and productivity due to better growth rate, as unhealthy juveniles often tend to perish during nursery rearing. Advanced fingerlings take less time to reach marketable size and are ideal for multiple stocking and harvesting. Rearing of advance fingerling adopted by the farmers with assurance of low mortality and compensatory growth during the grow-out phase should also fetch better economical returns.

3. This Department is therefore regularly emphasizing for capacity enhancement for fingerling production and accordingly the tentative fund allocation has been made for the year 2017-18.

4. Keeping the above in view, it has been decided that for accurate estimation, hence forth, States/ UTs are advised to report fingerling only of above 70 mm size production, under the head of fish seed production. State/ UTs are requested not to report under categories of spawn and fry unless specifically asked for. It may be noted that the Ministry shall accept data for fingerling sized seed of above 70 mm in future for compilation of fish seed statistics.


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