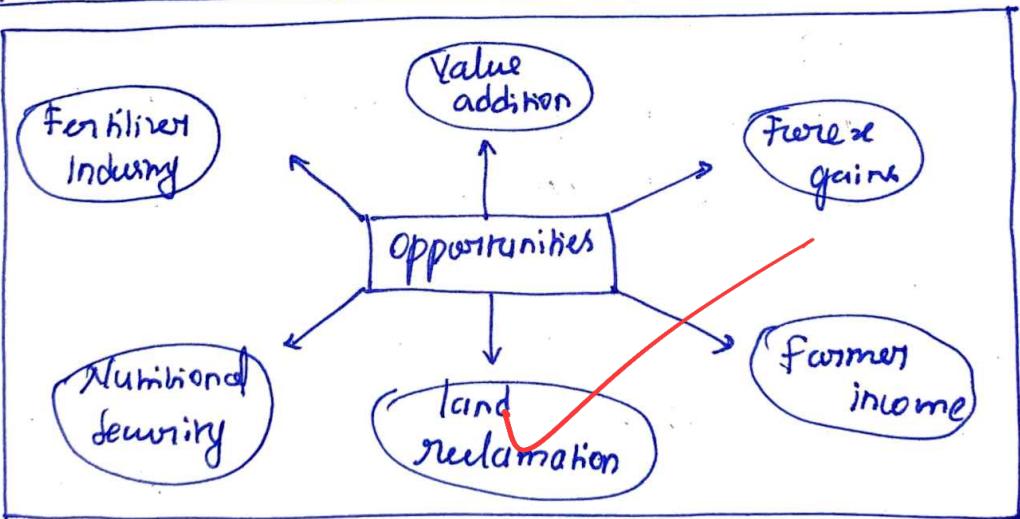


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~~5.5/15~~ Fisheries sector involves both inland and ocean based fish, shrimp and oyster farming. The net value addition of fisheries sector to Agricultural sector is around 20% annually. In addition, India is one of the largest ~~gross~~ ^{data} exporters of marine products which earns revenue of \$ 30 billion annually.

[Opportunities by fisheries sector] :-



- ①. Value addition : → Value addition to agriculture through integrated farming.
- ②. Forest gains : → Major earner of forest reserves and exporter potential (CAGR)

growth of IBT)

③ Farmer income :→ Doubling farmer incomes.

Reduction in surplus labour in agriculture

④ land reclamation :→ Better usage of

Growth Points: Point A and Point B and barren land. Biodiversity
discusses improvements discusses drylands)

⑤ Nutritional security :→ Increased protein
intake and Vitamin consumption (NFHS - 4
Survey)

⑥ Fertilizer industry :→ Development of organic
fertilizer industry (Potassium based fertilizers)

Challenges for fisheries sector :-

①. Low investment from public sector

②. Falling land holdings (average land holding less than 2 hectare)

Points: sanitary and phytosanitary obstacles in
export market.

④. Lack of cold storage facilities.

⑤. Conflict between neighbouring countries in
EEZ area (Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Pakistan)

Key Recommendations by Parliamentary Committee :-

★ Increase Capital Investment especially in rural areas.

★ Cold storage facilities at least in sub divisional level.

~~Add more dimensions~~ ★ Subsidized finance for development of inland fishing areas.

~~Cage culture~~ ★ Solve conflicts b/w neighbouring countries

~~Q&A~~ ★ Avoid use of bottom trawlers and promote deep sea fishing.

Various government initiatives :-

①. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for value addition in fisheries sector fund (FIDF) of ₹7500 crore.

②. Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) of ₹7500 crore.

③. Development of organic fertilizers from fisheries waste.

④. Joint task force to develop and subsidize deep sea fishing lines (90% subsidy)

~~Good~~ Fisheries is a sector which can pull out disguised labour (unemployed) from Agriculture (cereal based). It can also boost industry development and export earnings.