

## **Fisheries Department –Billawar**

The word Fish Comprises of Your alphabets . Each alphabets has its own great significance such as :

F - Portentous Food

I - Income

S – Sport

H- Health

The word Fisheries mean exploitations of water bodies Fisheries have been integrated with allied sectors of agriculture such as bee keeping , horticulture , apiculture poultry , diary , ands piggery .

The Department of Fisheries not only exploited water bodies but also played prominent role in their development by way of yielding variety of Fish seed and other development measures.

In Billawar a watcher hut near the Block Development Officer Office, Billawar has been established to check the illegal Fishing from the water bodies. The department issue licenses to the fisherman @ 300/- per license for a period of one Financial year and those who are found fishing illegally are fined and their cases may also be referred to the Hon'ble Court, Billawar .

Staff Strength :- Due to low shortage of Man power in the fisheries department only four officials have been deputed in the Billawar.

Jurisdiction:- The water Bodies/area of Billawar is divided into three beats namely Billawar, Bhaddu,Ramkot. The department has jurisdiction over every nallaha , khud and other water bodies of Billawar.

Beneficiaries :- The Registered Fishermen are the beneficiaries of the Department and during the year 2010-11 , 167 no of fisherman have been register with the department.

Schemes:- There are various schemes which have been implemented by the fisheries department for the welfare of fishermen and to boost the fishing activities in the area viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Prime Minister unemployment package , welfare of fishermen and Nylon twine distribution. The

department arranges number of awareness camps to aware the people about the various scheme launched by the fisheries department.

Construction of Low Cost Houses:-

Scheme	No. of Houses Constructed		Proposed 2011-12
	Upto 3/2010	During 2010-11	
Welfare of Fisherman	18 Nos.	--	5 Nos.
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana	--	5Nos.	5 Nos .

Construction of Carp Fish Ponds :-

Scheme	No . of ponds constructed		Proposed 2011-12
	Up to 3/2010	During 2010-12	
Prime Minister Package	5 Nos	--	2 Nos.
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana	1 No.	1 No.	2 Nos.

3. Under Nylon Twine distribution 10 fishermen were benefited during the year 2010-11.

4. Revenue Generated :-

a) 167 no. of licenses @ Rs. 300/- per License	50100.00
b) Illegal Cases 25 Nos.	10400.00
<b>Total =</b>	<b>60500.00</b>

**Construction of ponds :-**

The department provides grant in aid to the Agricultural Un- Employed Youth to establish a carp Fish Unit @Rs. 1.20 lacs . The ponds benefitted the people in various ways such as stocking of Fish Seed utilization of cattle dung. Growth of vegetables ,water for drinking and bathing of cattle's. The beneficiaries are drawing benefits ranging from Rs. 30000-50000per annum.

**Construction of Lop Cost Houses:-**

The department provides grant in aid to the tune of Rs. 0.50 lacs to the genuine benefited beneficiaries selected on the basis of number of licenses acquired of the beneficiary is also considered.

**Mahaseer Fish Farm:-**

The department is going to establish a Mahaseer Fish Farm at Mandli/Kyari near Bridge over Ujh Nallah and as soon as the land will be handed over to the department the work will be taken up. This Farm will not only cater the demand of Mahaseer Fish, but also provide employment opportunity to the unemployed persons of the area.