

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1858
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2020

Livelihood through fish production

1858. MS. SAROJ PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fishermen earning their livelihood through fish production in the country at present; and
- (b) the details of the targets set by Government to double the income of these fishermen?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)**

- (a): The fisheries sector at present provides livelihood to a total of 16,09,69,75 fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and almost twice the number along the value chain.
- (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under its schemes/programmes by supplementing the efforts of States/Union Territories envisages the doubling of income of fishers, fish farmers and fish workers by enhancing fish production to 20 million metric tonnes (MMT) by 2024-25, increasing the exports of fisheries products to Rs. 1,00,000 crore, reducing the post-harvest losses up to 10% and to increasing the average productivity to 5 tonne per hectare.
