

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2022

Funds allocated for fisheries in Maharashtra

1230. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and utilized for fisheries in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the facilities provided to fishermen under various fisheries schemes;
- (c) the details of the development which took place in Maharashtra in employment generation and fish production during the last three years; and
- (d) whether there is a huge potential for the development of fisheries in the country especially in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard by Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under various schemes during last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22) and current year (2022-23) has accorded approvals to the fisheries developmental proposals amounting to Rs.607.73 crore and released central funds of Rs.111.00 crore for development of fisheries and Aquaculture including fisheries infrastructure in Maharashtra. Out of this, an amount of Rs 36.02 crore has been utilized by the Government of Maharashtra for implementation of the approved project activities in the State. In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has also accorded approvals for development of 5 fishing harbours at a total cost of Rs. 940.45 crore for providing interest subvention against the project cost of Rs. 716.54 crore under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).

(b) and (c): The broad facilities/activities approved for development of fisheries and aquaculture in Maharashtra for the benefits of fishermen and creation of employment opportunities in fisheries and aquaculture include; construction of new ponds, Re-Circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), installation of cages in reservoirs, Establishment of fish/prawn hatcheries , Establishment of brood bank, sea cages, replacement of boats and nets for fishermen, establishment of Matsya Seva Kendras, construction of ice plant/cold storages, fish feed mill/plants, fish transportation facilities, fish retail markets, value added enterprise units, Disease diagnostic centre and quality testing labs, rafts & monocline/ tubenet for seaweed cultivation, Integrated Reservoir Development, Sagar Mitras and fishing harbour/fish landing centres.

(d): The country has endowed with huge potential for development of fisheries both in marine and inland sectors including the State of Maharashtra. Foreseeing the immense potential, the Government of India has take several initiatives to harness the potential of fisheries sector in a sustainable and responsible manner including (i) implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) - Blue Revolution Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs 3000 crore with an estimated investment of Rs. 5000 crore, (ii) implementation of a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories(UTs), (iii) creation and implementation of a dedicated fund namely, Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund' (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs.7,522.48 crore for providing concessional finance for creation of fisheries infrastructures, (iv) extending the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries farmers to meet their working capital needs.
