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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2026
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2022

Tapping the aquaculture potential

2026. Shri Masthan Rao Beeda:

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

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to enhance the contributions of inland fisheries and aquaculture considering its potential of increasing food supplies and alleviating poverty;
(b) if so, details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by Government to increase and improve fishermen and fish farmers' access to adequate technical information required to improve their practices to increase production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India under the ongoing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has taken steps to intensify and diversify inland fisheries and aquaculture with focus on diversification of species, introduction of new species and peg the critical gaps in the demand and supply of quality brood and seed of cultivable species and species-specific feeds, Adequate number of brood banks, hatcheries, seed rearing units, specific pathogen free or resistant seed, genetically improved brood stock, and feed mills. As a result, inland fisheries and aquaculture has contributed 74.59% of the total fish production of India during 2021-22. Further, the Department of Fisheries under PMMSY is also supporting exposure visits, training and capacity building programme of fish farmers and other stakeholders in modern technologies developed in fisheries and aquaculture viz Cage culture in Reservoir, pen culture in wetlands, Biofloc Technology, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System, Scaling up of Freshwater Prawn (Scampi) Culture, promotion of Inland Saline Aquaculture in potential area to improve farm practices for enhanced production.

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