

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2022

Insurance coverage for fishermen in West Bengal

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

- (a) the details of insurance coverage provided to fishermen in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the details of various other social and economic securities provided to fishermen in the country with specific reference to West Bengal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

THE 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 sub-component on Insurance to fishers of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) provides insurance coverage to fishers across the Country including the fishers of West Bengal. The insurance coverage provided under the PMMSY includes (i) Rs.5,00,000/- against accidental death or permanent total disability, (ii) Rs.2,50,000/- for permanent partial disability and (iii) hospitalization expenses in the event of accident for a sum of Rs. 25,000/-. Under the aforesaid scheme, a total 8,499 fishers of West Bengal have been provided insurance coverage for the period from 26.07.2022 to 25.07.2023. In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India under PMMSY is also providing other social and economic securities to fishermen in the country including the fishers of West Bengal. The social and economic securities provided under the PMMSY *inter-alia* includes Livelihood and Nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers families for conservation of fisheries resources during fishing ban periods, support for taking up of aquaculture activities including inputs support in both Inland and Brackishwater, support for setting up of fish seed hatcheries, feed mills, Installation of cages in Reservoirs, Pen in waterlogged areas, promotion of seaweed cultivation, Marine Cage culture and bi-valve culture, replacement of fishing boats and nets for traditional fishermen, fish transportation and marketing infrastructures such as refrigerated and insulated vehicles, Ice-box with two/three wheelers, live fish vending units, fish kiosks, etc.
