

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1858  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Doubling of fishermen's income**

**1858. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the manner in which the target of doubling income of fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) launched under the Self-reliant India (AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan) campaign would be achieved?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with highest ever investment of Rs.20050 crore in fisheries sector in all the States/Union Territories (UTs) for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21. The activities envisaged and supported under PMMSY towards enhancement of fish farmer’s income primarily include the followings:

- (i) Enhancement of Fish Production and productivity: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India during the last three financial years has approved the proposals to the tune of Rs. 3568.75 crore for enhancement of production and productivity under PMMSY. The major activities supported under these category of proposal under PMMSY include establishment of 13 brood banks, Integrated development of 26 reservoirs, establishment of 685 hatcheries, development of 21752.13 ha for aqua culture, stocking of fingerlings in 376749.70 ha wetland and reservoirs, support for 116931units of Seaweed culture, establishment of 3781 raceways, input support for Integrated fish farming for 3019 ha, establishment of 1934 ornamental rearing units, establishment of 6 units of genetic improvement programmes.

- (ii) Technology Infusion: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved the proposals to the tune of Rs. 3138.75 crore for technology infusion under PMMSY. The major activities approved under this category of proposal includes establishment of 5 integrated aqua parks, setting up of 13278 Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems and Biofloc units, installation of 38820 cages in reservoirs, 1501 cages in open sea, fitment of 101615 communication and tracking devices onboard the fishing boat have been supported.
- (iii) Aquatic Health Management: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved projects to the tune of Rs. 113 crore for Aquatic Health Management under PMMSY. This includes activities like establishment of 34 disease diagnostic and quality testing labs and Mobile labs/clinics, establishment of 5 Aquatic referral labs and National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD).
- (iv) Development of harvest and post harvest infrastructure: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved proposals to the tune of Rs. 6454.64 crore for development of harvest and post harvest infrastructure under PMMSY. The major activities approved in this area includes development of 48 fishing harbours/fish landing centres, setting up of 6353 for markets and marketing infrastructures, establishment of 764 fish feed mills and plants, providing 21800 post harvest transportation facilities, 428 cold chain facilities, 468 deep-sea fishing vessels, Upgradation of 1038 existing fishing vessels for export Competency.
- (v) Training and skill up gradation: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved projects to the tune of Rs. 81.46 crore for Training and skill up gradation of 85274 fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders under PMMSY.
- (vi) Welfare and livelihood: The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved projects to the tune of Rs. 1298.07 crore for Welfare and livelihood of fishermen under PMMSY. The PMMSY *inter-alia* provides livelihood and nutritional support for 6 lakh socio-economically backward active traditional fishers' families annually for conservation of fisheries resources during fishing ban/lean period. Further insurance coverage to 33.21 lakh fishers, fish farmers and fish workers, engagement of 2489 Sagar Mitras and setting up of 60 extension and support Services (Matsya Seva Kendra).

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