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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1540  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Implementation of PMMSY**

**1540. Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade**

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

- (a) whether Government has announced a new sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with targeted investment of Rs. 6,000 crore in the Budget 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to gradually formalize the fisheries sector and facilitate access to institutional financing in the sector, incentivize value chain players;
- (c) the objectives and targets of PMMSY;
- (d) the strategic priorities of PMMSY; and
- (e) the steps taken under PMMSY to support various stakeholders including fish workers in coastal areas engaged in post harvest and marketing activities by supporting creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure etc.?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. In the Union Budget 2023-24, the Government has announced a new sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana with targeted investment of Rs. 6,000 crore to further enable activities of fishermen, fish vendors and micro & small enterprises, improve value chain efficiencies and expand the market. The Sub-scheme intends to gradually formalize the fisheries sector and facilitate access to institutional financing in the sector, incentivize value chain players such as micro enterprises and/or small enterprises for improving value chain efficiencies, quality assurance and supply of safe fish and fishery products; and for creation and maintenance of jobs with focus on jobs for women in the fisheries sector. The Sub-scheme also intends to help in addressing associated risks in aquaculture system.

(c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for a period of 5 years from financial year 2020-21 to FY 2024-25, with the objectives: (i) to harness the fisheries potential in a sustainable, responsible, inclusive and equitable manner, (ii) enhancing the fish production and productivity, (iii) modernizing and strengthening of value chain - post-harvest management and quality improvement, (iv) doubling fishers and fish farmers' incomes and generation of employment, (v) enhancing contribution to Agriculture GVA and exports, (vi) social, physical and economic security for fishers and fish farmers and (vii) robust fisheries management and regulatory framework.

(d): PMMSY aims to address the key interventions such as enhancing fish production and productivity, modernizing and strengthening the value chain, creating fisheries and post-harvest infrastructure and developing robust fisheries management and regulatory frameworks. Moreover, emphasis is being laid on addressing critical gaps in the value chain through technology infusion, optimal water management, improved quality and hygiene of fish and fish products, insurance, value addition, demand-based branding and marketing and promotion of initiatives bringing economic returns for stakeholders.

(e): PMMSY inter-alia provides social, physical and economic security for coastal fishers and fish workers by supporting creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure such as fishing harbours/fish landing centres, cold storages and ice plants, fish and fisheries products transportation vehicles including refrigerated and insulated vehicles, ice flaking and ice crushing units, ice/fish holding boxes, etc. with motorcycles, bicycles and autorickshaws, value addition enterprise units as well as modern hygienic markets for handling of fish such as wholesale fish markets including supermarkets, retail fish markets and outlets, mobile fish and live fish markets. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved proposals to the tune of Rs. 1368.10 crore for development of cold chain infrastructure under PMMSY including construction of 563 cold storages, modernization of 78 cold storages/ice plants and 25193 post-harvest transportation facilities. PMMSY also accords special focus on imparting training for skill development and capacity building among coastal fish workers.

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