

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2024

Minimum Landing Price For Fish

225. Shri Beedha Masthan Rao Yadav:

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

- (a) whether there has been a long-standing demand from the fishing community in the country to have a system of Minimum Landing Prices for the fish caught by the fisherfolk;
- (b) if so, whether any initiative has been taken by Government to bring policy on the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a) to (c): Fish is a perishable item and the price of fish catch landed are market-driven and influenced by various factors like demand, volume of fish arriving at the market, size and species of the fish, processing type (fresh, frozen, etc.), seasonality, accessibility, regional consumption patterns etc. To promote better price realization by fishers for their catch, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, has taken various initiatives such as implementation of the Fish Market Price Information System (FMPIS) through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for gathers price data for various commercially valuable fish species across different markets and disseminating weekly analytical report based on empowering both fishers/sellers through better marketability and consumers/buyers through improved accessibility. In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) with an objective to enhance access by fishers and fish farmers to e-market place to reach out to wider buyers directly with reduced number of intermediaries and realize better price for their products. Further, under the scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Department of Fisheries has provided central financial assistance for setting up of marketing infrastructure including wholesale fish market, fish retail market, fish kiosk, harbours and fish landing centers, ice plants/cold storages, refrigerated and insulated vehicles, three wheelers and four wheelers. Projects with a total outlay of Rs. 4865.70 crore have been approved since 2020-21 under PMMSY for creation of such infrastructure facilities in various States/UTs.
