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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 999 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2024

PMMSY in Himachal Pradesh

999 Dr. Sikander Kumar:

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

- (a) the current status of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to bring Blue Revolution which focuses on increasing fisheries production and productivity in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the total budgetary allocations made by Government for the PMMSY scheme in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to provide employment for unemployed people under this yojana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing a flag scheme "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India" with an investment of Rs.20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25. The PMMSY envisages to address critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernisation and strengthening of fisheries value chain, establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers' welfare. The PMMSY inter-alia aims to create direct and indirect employment opportunities for fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, entrepreneurs. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during last 4 years of implementation of PMMSY (2020-21 to 2023-24) has accorded approvals to the fisheries development proposals of the Government of Himachal Pradesh amounting to Rs 127.67 crore with the central share of Rs 61.52 crore and released central funds of Rs. 38.14 crore to the State Government for implementation of the approved projects. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has reported utilization of central funds of Rs. 25.55 crore during the last four years. It is reported that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has provided employment to a total 12,171 unemployed youth of Himachal Pradesh since inception of PMMSY in various fisheries and aquaculture activates. Further, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has reported that the fish production in the State has increased from 15266.60 tonne during 2020-21 to 17721.64 tonne in 2023-24.