

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2024**

Mariculture and aquaculture in Himachal Pradesh

2614 Dr. Sikander Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has given approval to mariculture activities to promote climate resilient aquaculture in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total budgetary allocations made by Government for the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme in the current year for Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any step for holistic development of fisheries sector and welfare of fishers, including small scale traditional fishermen in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Mariculture activities are practiced only in Coastal States/Union Territories(UTs). The State of Himachal Pradesh being a Himalayan State, coldwater fisheries, aquaculture and other fisheries related activities suiting to the States' climatic conditions are carried out and as such the question of approval of mariculture activities in Himachal Pradesh does not arise.

(c) and (d) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for a period of 5 years from financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25 at a total outlay of Rs.20050 crore for the holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. Under this scheme, during the last four years and the current financial year, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has accorded approvals to the fisheries development proposals of the Government of Himachal Pradesh at a total cost of Rs 153.88 crore with Central share of Rs 78.62 crore, including project with outlay of Rs.26.21 crore during current financial year (FY2024-25). The PMMSY provides financial assistance to the fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, vendors, entrepreneurs, small scale traditional fishermen and other stakeholders for taking up a plethora of fisheries activities. The activities supported in Himachal Pradesh for development of fisheries and aquaculture include hatcheries, rearing ponds, grow out ponds, raceways, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), biofloc, ornamental fisheries, boats and nets, ice plants & cold storages, fish transport vehicles like refrigerated and insulated vehicles, three wheelers and two wheelers with ice boxes, construction of fish kiosks and fish feed mills. Besides, 3453 socio-economically backward active traditional fishers have been provided livelihood and nutritional support during the fishing ban period and insurance coverage has been provided to 43,990 fishers under the Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) under the PMMSY since 2020-21 in Himachal Pradesh.
