## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961

TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th December, 2024

### **Inclusion of Telangana Fishermen Cooperatives in Ministry Programs**

#### 961. SHRI RAVI CHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fisheries cooperative societies in Telangana have been included in the Ministry's programs, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has identified any challenges in including Telangana's fishermen cooperatives, if so, the steps being taken to address these challenges; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has any plans to increase the support for fisheries cooperatives in Telangana, if so, the specific initiatives and budget allocations being considered for this purpose?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION (SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): The Government on 15.02.2023, has approved the Plan for strengthening cooperative movement in the country and deepening its reach up to the grassroots. The Plan entails establishment of new multipurpose PACS, Dairy and Fishery cooperative societies covering all the Panchayats/ villages in the country including the State of Telangana in the next five years, through convergence of various existing GOI schemes, including Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF), National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), etc, with the support of National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and State Governments.

Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs. 20,050 crores for Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) for a period of five years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. Additionally, Fishery Cooperatives are also supported through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY): a Central Sector Sub-scheme under PMMSY, having a total outlay of Rs. 6000 crores for a period of four years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27.

As per National Cooperative Database, a total of 439 new Fishery Cooperative Societies have been registered across the country, including 67 Fishery Cooperative Societies in the State of Telangana since the approval of the plan on 15.02.2023.

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