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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2946 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th March, 2025

Organic fisheries cluster

2946. Shri Pramod Tiwari:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched organic fisheries cluster;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether organic fisheries cluster focuses on ecologically healthy fish farming system;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which cluster-based approach will enhance competitiveness and efficiency?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)

(a) to (e): Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Government of India in all the States and Union Territories(UTs) inter-alia provides adoption of a cluster-based approach to enhance the competitiveness of the fisheries sector, facilitate economies of scale, generate higher incomes, and accelerate the growth and expansion of fisheries and aquaculture in an organized manner. This also aims to amplify outcomes and achieve integrated development within the sector. Thus, to continue and sustain the sectoral growth momentum, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India is further increasing its efforts on adoption of production and processing fisheries cluster based approach with end-to-end value chain in fisheries and aquaculture sector.

The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has notified an Organic Fisheries Cluster in Soreng District of Sikkim for development of organic fisheries and aquaculture in the State under PMMSY on 9th January, 2025 with focus on support for ecologically healthy fish farming systems.