

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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TIME TAKEN IN EXPORT OF FISHERIES FROM INDIAN PORTS

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average time taken in export of fisheries from Indian ports along with the losses incurred due to delay in such exports;
- (b) whether Government is considering any plan to reduce the time taken in export of perishable products from the ports in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to create clusters for port development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) The average time taken for export of fisheries consignments to reach the port from the processing plant varies from 2 hours to 12 hours depending on the distance from the processing plant to Port.

(b)(c)&(d) The Government, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme provides financial assistance to State Government, Union Territories and Implementing agencies for construction of fishing harbour, fish landing centres, modernization/ upgradation of existing fishing harbours and maintenance dredging of the fishing harbours with a financial allocation of Rs. 3490 Cr. over 5 years. The scheme envisages to double export earning to Rs 1,00,000 Cr. and generate about 55 lakh direct and indirect gainful employment opportunities providing sustainable investment in infrastructure and reduction of post harvest losses in various component of value chain.

Further, to strengthen the export value chain, Government has sanctioned projects adjacent to Major Ports for modernization and upgradation of fishing harbours at Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Paradip, Cochin and Mallet Bunder with 100% financial assistance under PMMSY of Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying in convergence with Sagarmala Scheme of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways at a total cost of Rs 651.14 Cr.
