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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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Fisheries infrastructure in Tripura under PMMSY

**1980. Shri Mokariya Rambha:
Dr. Kavita Patidar:**

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

- (a) the initiatives being implemented to enhance fisheries infrastructure in Tripura under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) how Government is working to improve employment opportunities in the fisheries sector in Tripura;
- (c) the plans for expanding organic fish clusters like in Tripura; and
- (d) how Government is supporting fisheries cooperatives and start-ups in Tripura under PMMSY?

ANSWER

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

(a) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the last five years (2020-21 to 2024-25) has accorded approvals to the fisheries developmental proposals of Government of Tripura at a total cost of Rs. 259.74 crore with central share of Rs. 148.53 crore to develop fisheries infrastructure and development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). The major initiatives taken and implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Government of Tripura to enhance fisheries infrastructure in the State under PMMSY includes (i) establishment of new fin fish and scampi hatcheries for production of quality seeds (ii) establishment of Bio floc and RAS units for adoption of super intensive fish farming practices (iii) establishment of feed mills for production of quality fish feed (iv) establishment of Ornamental fish units to create livelihood opportunities through promotion of ornamental fisheries (v) construction of Fish value added enterprise unit for production of fermented fish product (vi) Construction of new ponds/mini-barrages for horizontal expansion of fish culture and (vii) establishment of Integrated Aqua Park as hubs of multifarious fisheries to strengthen the aquaculture value chain by providing end to end infrastructure.

(b) : To improve employment opportunities in fisheries sector of Tripura Department of Fisheries are implementing various programme under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). As reported by the State, unemployed youth of the state are provided support for self-employment generation in Fisheries sector. A total of 5287 youths have been provided support for self-employment in fish farming, post-harvest management and Fishery entrepreneurship. The details of activities approved to the entrepreneurs in the state are (i) 15 units of finfish hatcheries (ii) 4 units of fish feed Mills (iii) 171 nos. of Three-Wheeler with ice box, 386 nos. of Bicycle with ice box, and 124 nos. of Motor Cycle with ice box (iv) 12 nos. of Fish Kiosks & 4 nos. of Live fish vending centres (v) 15 units of Ornamental fish rearing units (vi) 59 Biofloc units (vii) 2 units of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (viii) 1 unit of Fish value enterprise unit (ix) 2736 new water bodies and (x) 294 boats were distributed to fishermen.

(c) : The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has notified Organic Fisheries Clusters in Soreng District of Sikkim and West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya for development of organic fisheries and aquaculture in these States under PMMSY with focus on support for ecologically healthy fish farming systems. At present, there is no plan to expand organic fish clusters in the State of Tripura.

(d) : The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) inter-alia, provides financial assistance for setting up of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers and enhance their bargaining power. The Department of Fisheries has accorded approval for formation of existing 2000 fisheries cooperative as FFPOs and formation of new 195 FFPOs. The Department of Fisheries through National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has formulated action plan to support formation of 12,000 fisheries co-operatives in uncovered panchayats/villages with large water bodies/coastal areas over a period of ten years from the year 2024-25 to 2033-34 in two phases i.e 6000 from 2024-25 to 2028-29 & 6000 from 2028-29 to 2033-34 including 39 for Tripura. In addition, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Saha-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) a sub-scheme of PMMSY envisages to support formalisation and strengthening of 5500 primary fisheries cooperatives with mentoring, capacity building and need based financial support in all the States/UTs including Tripura.

The Department of Fisheries, Government of India is supporting fisheries startups and entrepreneurs under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - with the aim to encourage the startups to develop transformative solutions in the fisheries sector and to drive innovation, sustainability and efficiency by supporting Startups with seed funding and incubation through Startup India (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade). To promote innovation, boost private investment, enhance productivity, strengthen market linkages in the fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries has approved 39 Nos of project proposals with subsidy assistance of Rs. 31.22 Crores, under the Entrepreneur Model of the PMMSY scheme.
