

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO. 124  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

**Fishing harbour at Kothapatnam in Prakasam**

**124. Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Fishing harbour at Kothapatnam in Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh is planned with an estimated cost of ₹400 crores;
- (b) status of its implementation, funds released and utilized so far; and
- (c) by when the harbour is going to be completed?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH**

(a) to (c): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.124 due for answer on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 put in by Shri Yerram Venkata Subba Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha regarding Fishing harbour at Kothapatnam in Prakasam.**

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a fishing harbour at Kothapatnam in Prakashan District at a cost of Rs 364 crore with central share of Rs 80 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). The fishing harbour project envisages construction of breakwaters to create calm and tranquil basin, dredging, reclamation, quay walls, internal roads, fish auction hall, administrative building, gear sheds, net mending shed, fishermen rest sheds, boat repair shop, restaurant, dormitory, security guard room, compound wall, radio communication tower, water supply and sanitation facilities, ice plant, cold storage, effluent treatment plant, water storage facilities, drainage, electrification facilities, fire extinguishers & hydrants, greeneries and landscaping etc. The fishing harbour has been designed to provide safe landing, berthing and allied facilities to a total fishing fleet of 820 vessels comprising 600 Nos of 9 mtr motorised vessels, 200 Nos of 18 mtr mechanised fishing vessels and 20 Nos of 24 mtr tuna long liners operating from the periphery of Kothapatnam Fisheries Centre.

(b) and (c) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India during Financial Year 2022-23 & FY 2023-24 has released central share of Rs 40 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for this project. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that the work agreement was concluded and work awarded to a contractor in October, 2022. However, in April, 2025, the contract was cancelled by the State Government due to less than 25% progress of work. The State Government has not reported any physical progress and fund utilisation in respect of this fishing harbour project. Further, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that the fishing harbour project cost has been revised upwardly to Rs.441.88 crore and the revised proposal is being processed for issuance of a revised administrative approval by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported the timeline for completion of Kothapatnam Fishing Harbour project as 31st December, 2027. In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved 8 Fishing Harbour and 7 Fish Landing Centre projects at a cost of Rs 2672.40 crore in the State of Andhra Pradesh under Blue Revolution Scheme (BR), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

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