GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 437 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019

Facilities for Storage and Transport of Fish

437. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH :

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मात्स्यिकी, पश्पालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that inadequate facilities for storage and transport of fish are the main concern of fishermen across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government will consider providing assistance for storage and transport facilities for fish and fish products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) to (c) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries *inter-alia* provides financial assistance for strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure facilities fisheries such as (i) Ice plants, Cold Storages, Ice plants-cum-cold storages, (ii) Renovation/modernization of existing Ice plants, Cold Storages and Ice plants-cum-cold storages, (iii) development of retail fish markets and allied infrastructure and (iv) setting up of mobile/retail fish outlets. The CSS also provides financial assistance for fish transport infrastructure such as (1) Refrigerated Trucks/Containers, (2) Insulated Trucks, (3) Auto Rickshaw with ice box, (4) Motorcycle with ice box and (5) Bicycle with ice box. Besides, in order to address the infrastructural requirements for fisheries sector, a dedicated funds namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Fund (FIDF) has been launched during 2018-19 at a corpus of Rs 7522.48 crore. Under the FIDF concessional finance is also provided for development of cold storage, ice-plants, fish transport and cold chain infrastructures.
