

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1006  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

**Welfare Schemes for Fishermen**

**1006 DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

Will the **Minister of FISHERIES ANIMAL, HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**  
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any comprehensive welfare schemes for the development of fishermen community in the country, State-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated and disbursed under various welfare schemes during each of the last eight years and the current year in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to provide adequate skill training, provision of State-of-the art technology gadgets for fishing and storage and for the creation of value-added products; and
- (d) the total funds allocated to Tamil Nadu during the said period?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing various schemes for development of fisheries in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu and welfare of fishermen is at the core of the schemes. The schemes implemented include; (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries implemented at a total central outlay of Rs 3000 crore for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance, (iii) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers and (iv) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) under Atmanirbhar Bharat Package with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

PMMSY *inter-alia* provides financial support for procurement of boats for better catch, nets, communication and tracking devices & safety kits to ensure safety of fishermen while at sea, post-harvest facilities, fish transport, value addition & marketing to improve value realization to fishers, construction of ponds, tanks, hatcheries and necessary inputs for undertaking fish farming, and development of fisheries infrastructure, cold chain facilities, fish market infrastructure and processing facilities and such other activities to improve price realization. All these activities add to fishers income and welfare. Further, PMMSY also provides (i) Livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers families for conservation of fish resources during fishing ban/lean period, (ii) Insurance to Fishers and (iii) Insurance premium subvention for fishing vessels.

Under PMMSY, a total project cost worth of Rs. 446.52 crore with admissible central share of Rs 154.27 crore has been approved as on date for development of fisheries and welfare of fishers' community in Tamil Nadu. In addition, fisheries infrastructure project proposals worth Rs. 1425.73 crore for providing admissible concessional finance have also been approved for Tamil Nadu under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF). The central funds to the tune of Rs. 585.57 crore has been released to the Government of Tamil Nadu under various schemes for development of Fisheries in the State including fishermen welfare related activities during last eight years from 2014-15 to 2021-22.

(c) and (d): PMMSY *inter-alia* lays special focus on training, skill development, skill upgradation and capacity building through trainings, awareness building programmes and exposure visits to various stakeholders especially fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, entrepreneurs, officials, fisheries Cooperatives and members of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations for various fishing, aquaculture and post harvest related activities. The Training, Awareness, Exposure and Capacity Building programmes are carried out through the National Fisheries Development Board, ICAR institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), other organisations and State/UT Fisheries Departments. Besides these regular programmes, skill development programmes to traditional fishermen through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme approved by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) in respect of marine/ inland capture fisheries are also provided.

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