

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2080  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**Safety of Indian Fishermen**

**2080. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken measures to provide safety to Indian fishermen post the Enrica Lexie case;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned and released for undertaking measures pertaining to safety of Indian fishermen during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) to (d) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with an investment of ₹20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories.

PMMSY *inter-alia* envisages support for safety kits such as Global Positioning System (GPS), life-jackets, other life-saving appliances, search and rescue beacons etc. including Distress Alert Transmitters (DATs), Automatic Identification System (AIS), Navigation with Indian Constellation (NAVIC), etc. to fishermen. Funds have been earmarked under the PMMSY for provision for safety kits such as Global Positioning System (GPS), life-jackets, other life-saving appliances, search and rescue beacons etc. including Distress Alert Transmitters (DATs), Automatic Identification System (AIS), Navigation with Indian Constellation (NAVIC), etc. to fishermen. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has released an amount of ₹ 3489.74 lakh for providing safety kits to the fishermen under Blue Revolution Scheme. In addition, Rs. 18.01 Crore has been released to Government of Tamil Nadu for installation of 4997 transponders in fishing vessels under Blue Revolution Scheme. Under the PMMSY, ₹ 6014.36 lakh has been sanctioned so far for providing 13900 communication/ tracking devices and 1606 safety kits for the fishermen/ fishing boats.

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