

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2023

Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds

2233. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has released State funds for Kerala under the Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount approved, released and utilized;
- (c) the details of the total number of beneficiary entrepreneurs so far, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken additional steps to increase the entrepreneurial skills of the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d): There is no scheme called 'Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds' implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. However, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is currently 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 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories, including in the State of Kerala. Under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India during last two years i.e., 2020-21 and 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 has accorded approval to the proposals of Government of Kerala at a total cost of Rs. 540.87 crore with central share of Rs. 182.57 crore under PMMSY for development of fisheries in the State. Further, PMMSY *inter-alia* envisages creation of a conducive environment for development of entrepreneurs business models, innovations and innovative project activities including start-ups and incubators in fisheries sector. In pursuance to this, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India is also implementing a dedicated activity namely Entrepreneur Models in Fisheries and Aquaculture through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) under PMMSY in all States/Union Territories, including Kerala.

To increase entrepreneurial skills of the beneficiaries the Department of Fisheries through the NFDB is conducting workshop/skilled training in collaboration with institutes such as School of Industrial Fisheries, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NIMSME), College of Fisheries (CoF), Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth (BSKKV), College of Fishery Science, Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University (NDVSU) and Directorate of Fisheries, Assam.

The training imparted towards benefit of entrepreneurs include 'Valorization of fish and fishery products for entrepreneurship development', Novel Fishery products Production - An option for entrepreneurs, Value addition, Fish Marketing and Entrepreneurship Development in Fish farming, freshwater Ornamental fish breeding and culture for entrepreneurs. In addition, NFDB has organized 3 days Entrepreneurship Model training program to those beneficiaries whose projects has been sanctioned under Entrepreneurship Model of PMMSY in association with NIMSME, Hyderabad. Exclusive SC/ST entrepreneur model skill development programs were also conducted through NIMSME, Hyderabad.
