

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 917
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th FEBRUARY, 2023

Prawn Fisheries

917. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING** मत्स्य पालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to State:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any special new scheme to promote fisheries (prawns) in Rajasthan specially Churu Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether farmers have put a lot of efforts to increase prawn fisheries in the above area during the last five years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the facilities provided by the Government to farmers for promoting the same;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any scheme to promote aquaculture production in rural areas for generating employment and increasing income in this sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY): A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with an investment of Rs. 20050 crore with effect from the financial year 2020-21 in all the States/Union Territories (UTs) including in Rajasthan. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under its various schemes including under PMMSY, during last five financial years from 2017-18 to 2021-22 and current financial year (2022-23) has accorded approvals to the proposals of Government of Rajasthan at a total outlay of Rs. 47.89 crore with central share of Rs. 15.83 crore for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State.

The Government of Rajasthan has reported that (i) an Action Plan with an outlay of Rs. 52.55 crore has been formulated by the State for development of Saline Water Aquaculture including prawn culture in Churu District, (ii) to promote prawn fisheries, the Government of Rajasthan has opened an office of a Fish Development Officer in Churu District and setting up of a Brackish Water Aquaculture Laboratory has been sanctioned by Government of India in Churu District. The Government of Rajasthan has further reported that with the help of technical and financial supports, along with the Saline water aquaculture training programs, prawn aquaculture has been taken up in approximately the area spread over 100 hectares in Churu District of Rajasthan.

(d) and (e) : The “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 intends to address critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernisation and strengthening of value chain, traceability, establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers’ welfare. Under the PMMSY, aquaculture is considered as one of the prominent activities for enhancing fish production and income generation in rural areas. PMMSY accordingly also focuses on expansion, diversification and intensification of aquaculture including productive utilisation of land and water, supply of quality and affordable seed and feed, species diversification and genetic improvement, aquatic health management, promotion of scientific methods, infusion of modern technologies such as Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems, Biofloc, Aquaponics, cage culture. PMMSY inter-alia envisages to enhance the fish production, enhance aquaculture productivity to 5 tonne per hectare, reduce post-harvest losses, generate about 55 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities, double fisheries exports, enhance income of fishers and fish farmers, enhance per capita fish consumption.