

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1914  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Training Programme for Fisherman**

**1914. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:**

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

- (a) whether there is any training program conducted on regular basis for the fishermen in the country teaching them the safety skills and life guard training skills, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry content with the current safety training taught to the fishermen and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has inclined to explore the possibilities of taking advise and training from few organizations who are into this domain?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) to (c): The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), under the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India is implementing the training and capacity building programs for fishermen and has released funds of Rs.1,12,636/- lakhs to the State Governments for the said purpose. Besides, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard (ICG) regularly conduct Community Interaction Programs (CIPs) in the coastal villages to educate and create awareness amongst fishermen fraternity on maritime safety and security related issues including demonstration on correct use of lifebuoy and life jackets, operation of Distress Alert Transmitters (DATs) and use of distress signals at sea for calling help during distress, carriage of safety and communication equipment/appliances, awareness on toll free no. 1554 for informing ICG during distress, medical lectures on first-aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), safe navigation practices, awareness on non-fishing areas/zone and significance of sustainable and responsible ways of fishing, implications of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) etc.

The flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana” (PMMSY) being implemented by Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying provides support to traditional fishermen/fishermen’s groups, for safety kits, which consist of GPS, life jacket, lifebuoy and other life-saving appliances, a radar reflector, first-aid box, a set of flares, backup battery, search & rescue beacons etc. Financial assistance is also provided under PMMSY to acquire deep sea fishing vessels and Automatic Information System/communication and/or tracking devices and support for training and capacity building. NFDB, Hyderabad has empaneled the training partners to train the fishermen in the areas of Disaster Preparedness in Fisheries Sector with specialized skills of Boat Rescue Operations and usage of Life Saving equipment, etc.

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