

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1937
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2023

Welfare Schemes for Fishers

1937. SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) the details of ongoing welfare schemes for fishers in the country;
- (b) the total number and data of fishers in the country in both marine and inland sectors, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government will initiate new welfare packages to ensure safe residence, better education and profitable marketing system, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with a highest ever investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of 5 years with effect from 2020-21 to 2024-25 for holistic development of fisheries in the Country and welfare of fishermen is at the core of the Scheme. The various welfare measures provided for fishermen under the Scheme are (i) Livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers' families for conservation of fish resources during fishing ban/lean period, (ii) Group Accident Insurance Scheme to Fishers (iii) Insurance premium subvention for fishing vessels (iv) Communication and/or Tracking Devices for traditional and motorised vessels like VHF/DAT/MAVIC/Transponders etc. The State-wise details of total number of fishers in the country in both marine and inland sectors are at Annexure. Further, at present, there is no proposal to initiate new welfare packages to ensure safe residence, better education and profitable marketing system.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Starred Question No 1937 put in by Shri T. N. Prathapan, Honourable Member of Parliament for answer on 1st August, 2023 regarding ‘Welfare Schemes for Fishers’: State-wise total number of fishers in the country

State/UT's	Inland Fishermen Population			Marine Fishermen Population			Grand Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Andhra Pradesh	333,558	288,293	621,851	461,712	413,125	874,837	1,496,688
Arunachal Pradesh	15,147	8,868	24,015	-	-	0	24,015
Assam	1,624,059	900,047	2,524,106	-	-	0	2,524,106
Bihar	3,127,733	2,899,642	6,027,375	-	-	0	6,027,375
Chhattisgarh	146,971	73,384	220,355	-	-	0	220,355
Goa	-	-	0	5,273	5,272	10,545	10,545
Gujarat	120,900	110,085	230,985	167,858	159,848	327,706	558,691
Haryana	117,934	521	118,455	-	-	0	118,455
Himachal Pradesh	10,739	1,067	11,806	-	-	0	11,806
Jharkhand	94,497	46,400	140,897	-	-	0	140,897
Karnataka	465,352	180,924	646,276	196,970	131,031	328,001	974,277
Kerala	122,377	117,819	240,196	431,447	372,718	804,165	1,044,361
Madhya Pradesh	1,232,957	999,865	2,232,822	-	-	0	2,232,822
Maharashtra	602,536	529,433	1,131,969	197,760	188,499	386,259	1,518,228
Manipur	3,278	44,433	47,711	-	-	0	47,711
Meghalaya	11,745	4,822	16,567	-	-	0	16,567
Mizoram	5,328	961	6,289	-	-	0	6,289
Nagaland	5,896	2,062	7,958	-	-	0	7,958
Odisha	549,806	371,613	921,419	314,069	282,086	596,155	1,517,574
Punjab	7,018	573	7,591	-	-	0	7,591
Rajasthan	31,880	25,380	57,260	-	-	0	57,260
Sikkim	488	93	581	-	-	0	581
Tamil Nadu	125,694	110,220	235,914	535,337	512,500	1,047,837	1,283,751
Telangana	483,094	379,127	862,221	-	-	0	862,221
Tripura	7,718	43	7,761	-	-	0	7,761
Uttarakhand	7,260	1,092	8,352	-	-	0	8,352
Uttar Pradesh	2,101,383	1,798,622	3,900,005	-	-	0	3,900,005
West Bengal	1,629,481	1,204,093	2,833,574	246,225	156,462	402,687	3,236,261
A and N Islands	2,807	946	3,753	12,024	10,164	22,188	25,941
Chandigarh	524		524	-	-	0	524
Daman & Diu and DNH	-	-	0	20,529	19,487	40,016	40,016
Delhi	3,316	30	3,346	-	-	0	3,346
Jammu & Kashmir	17,396	-	17,396	-	-	0	17,396
Ladakh	22	-	22	-	-	0	22
Lakshadweep	-	-	0	5,138	1,380	6,518	6,518
Puducherry	5,084	3,384	8,468	57,310	41,494	98,804	107,272
All India	13,013,978	10,103,842	23,117,820	2,651,652	2,294,066	4,945,718	28,063,538
