

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1951  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Impact of Climate Disasters**

**1951. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

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

- (a) whether there has been a recent fall in the number of total fishing days in the country especially in the coastal States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the fall in remuneration that the fishermen have experienced due to fall in fishing days, monsoon bans, natural calamities such as tropical cyclones and pollution from industries killing of marine life;
- (d) whether it is a fact that despite the total catch increasing economically important species such as prawns, mackerels and oysters are leads to primary exports stagnation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such stagnation; and
- (f) the details of steps that are being taken by the Government to shield small fishermen from adverse impact of climate disasters?

**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, Government of India has not received any such report regarding fall in the number of total fishing days in the country due to incidences of extreme climatic events like cyclones and storms, etc. resulting decrease in the marine fish production. In fact, the marine fish production of India has increased from 34.76 lakh tones in 2020-21 to 41.27 lakh tones in 2021-22 with annual average growth rate of 18.70%.

(d) and (e): As per the report received from Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, there has been no stagnation in the exports of seafood, instead there has been an increase in the exports. Export supported by the marine capture fisheries has shown an increase of 28.24% in value (USD million) when compared with the previous year. The details of the export of seafood products from marine capture fisheries for the past three years is given below:

<b>Export Details of marine Capture Products</b>					
<b>Q: Quantity in Tons, V: Value in Rs. Crore, \$: USD Million</b>					
<b>Year</b>		<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>Change (%) 2022-23 V/s 2021-22</b>
	Q:	619648	704364	1076349	52.81
	V:	14076.65	17922.72	23954.16	33.65
	\$:	1922.96	2343.40	3005.24	28.24

(f): Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana” (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25, and taking several steps under the PMMSY towards providing financial support to small fishermen for procurement of boats for better catch, nets, communication and tracking devices, safety kits to ensure safety of fishermen while at sea, development of post-harvest and cold chain facilities, fish transport, fisheries infrastructure, fish market, value added enterprise units and such other activities to improve value realization to fishers. Besides, support is also provided under PMMSY for conservation and sustainable development of fish resources such as implementation of artificial reefs, sea-ranching etc.

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