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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

**LOKSABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2014  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Development of Fisheries Sector**

**2014. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALLIAS LALAN SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government for boosting Fisheries Sector in Rural areas specially in Bihar State;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Bihar is having very good potential for increasing fisheries in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details of action plan for development of Fisheries sector in the country including Bihar?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) to (c):Foreseeing the potential of development of fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been implementing various schemes for holistic development of Fisheries in the country including Bihar. The schemes implemented include; (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries implemented at a total central outlay of Rs 3000 crore for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore implemented for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance, (iii) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers and (iv) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. Under the PMMSY scheme, the Department of Fisheries has accorded approval to Government of Bihar for the various fisheries developmental proposals at a total outlay of Rs. 518.51crore involving central share of Rs. 158.39 crore. Out of central liability a sum of Rs. 42.40 crore has been released to State Government. In addition, a total of 706 nos Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) have been sanctioned to fishers and fish farmers of Bihar to help them meet their working capital requirements.

The State of Bihar endowed with ample resources for increasing fish production in rural areas. The fisheries resources in the rural area of Bihar in terms of Ponds, Ox-bow lakes, wetlands (Chauras), Reservoirs, rivers and canals etc. Various steps under the ongoing PMMSY scheme have been taken to intensify and diversify inland fisheries and aquaculture sector in the State with special focus on diversification of species, introduction of new species and fastener the demand and supply of critical inputs such as quality seed and feed in Inland aquaculture across the country including Bihar. Further, the Department also extend supports for modern technologies developed in fisheries and aquaculture Viz. establishment of new hatcheries, grow-out and rearing ponds, Cage culture in Reservoir, Integrated development of Reservoirs, pen culture in wetlands, Bio-floc Technology, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System, Scaling up of Freshwater Prawn (Scampi) Culture, river ranching program for enhanced fish production and productivity.

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