

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3022  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Aquaculture Industry**

**3022. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made adequate efforts to revive aquaculture industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the traditional pockets of aquaculture are facing huge challenges in reaping the market opportunities;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to initiate any strategy in promoting domestic as well as export-oriented market in aquaculture; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b): To expand aquaculture, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India under the ongoing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has taken steps to intensify and diversify inland fisheries and aquaculture with focus on diversification of species, introduction of new species and peg the critical gaps in the demand and supply of quality brood, seed of cultivable species, species-specific feeds, adequate number of brood banks, hatcheries, seed rearing units, specific pathogen free or resistant seed, genetically improved brood stock, and feed mills. The Inland fisheries and aquaculture has contributed 74.59% to the total fish production of India during 2021-22. Fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders are being encouraged to take up aquaculture through fish culture in public ponds, in reservoir through stocking and cage culture, in estuaries and coastal water through marine cages, pen culture, RAS and biofloc, etc.

(c) to (e): The challenges faced by the fishermen and fish farmers to a certain extent, include increasing the availability of quality seed, low cost feed, cold chain, marketing infrastructure and post-harvest infrastructures. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs. 20,050 crores implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry inter-alia envisages for promotion of domestic marketing of fish and fish-products as well as India's export competitiveness and higher price realization. These include quality fish production, expansion, diversification and intensification of brackish water aquaculture, promotion of export-oriented species, cold chain infrastructure facilities including cold storages, ice plants, preprocessing units, infusion of technology, robust disease management framework, promotion of good aquaculture practices, branding, standards, certification and traceability, training and capacity building, creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure, development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centers, etc. Further, a dedicated fund namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs. 7522.48 crore has been created to provide concessional finance to eligible entities including State Government/ Union Territories and private entrepreneurs for creation and strengthening of fisheries infrastructure.

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