

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3147
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2023

Modern Techniques of Aquaculture

3147. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING** मत्स्य पालन, पशु पालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to revive aquaculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reasons for the high feed prices of aqua shrimps and the losses suffered by aqua farmers in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has initiated any action to promote modern techniques of 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): Aquaculture sector contributes 75% of total fish production of the country. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing various schemes/programmes for development of aquaculture sector in the country. The schemes/programmes implemented include, (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries implemented for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country, (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs.7,522.48 crore for providing concessional finance for creation and strengthening of fisheries infrastructure facilities including in the field of inland fisheries and aquaculture, (iii) Extension of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fishers and fish farmers to help them to meet their working capital needs for fisheries and aquaculture and (iv) implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever estimated investment of Rs. 20050 crores in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 as a part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package.

(c): Government of Andhra Pradesh reported that due to increase in cost of ingredients for shrimp feed, the price of shrimp feed increased and feed contributes 50 to 60% of the inputs cost of the shrimp crop. Further, Government of Andhra Pradesh reported that the price of the shrimp remained stagnated since 2010 as the shrimp prices are governed by the prices prevailing in the international markets. This resulted in the reduction of profit margins of the shrimp farmers.

(d) and (e): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is promoting various techniques for development of aquaculture such as Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), Biofloc, Cage culture, pen culture, raceways etc under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
