

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3162  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Fish Processing Industry**

**3162. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED :**

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

- (a) the details of the fish processing industries established in the country during the last three years particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated robust export strategies to enhance the income of farmers through fish and fish products;
- (c) whether the Government is providing incentives for setting up a cold supply chain for fish and fish products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Indian railway is currently operating refrigerated coaches for fish transportation and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) : According to Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) the details of fish processing industries established during the last three years particularly in West Bengal is as below:

Year	No. of processing units
2020-21	4
2021-22	2
2022-23	2

(b) : Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever investment of ₹20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. PMMSY *inter-alia* aims at enhancing contribution to Agriculture GVA and doubling of export income from the fisheries sector. PMMSY intends to address critical gaps in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, reduction of post-harvest losses, traceability etc. In order to enhance the global competitiveness of fisheries sector, PMMSY supports for quality fish production, species diversification, promotion of export-oriented species, branding, standards and certification, training and capacity building, creation of post-harvest infrastructure with emphasis on seamless cold chain and development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centers, etc.

(c) and (d): PMMSY *inter-alia* supports creation of modern post-harvest cold chain infrastructures such as storages, ice plants and fish transportation vehicles including with ice flaking and ice crushing units etc. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved proposals to the tune of Rs. 930.89 crore for development of cold chain infrastructure under PMMSY including construction of 428 cold storages, modernization of 67 cold storages/ice plants and 21800 post-harvest transportation facilities. In addition, an amount of Rs. 21.96 crore has been released by MPEDA for development of cold chain facility during last five years.

(e) :As reported by Ministry of Railways, currently no refrigerated coaches are operated for fish transportation.

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