

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3220  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**Mussel Farmers**

**3220. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has declared any special package to support mussel farmers and if so; the details thereof:
- (b) whether the Government has supported farmers' organizations and societies to increase their subsidy of poor amount of Rs. 6000/- per mussel culture unit: and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b): Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with a vision to bring Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of Fisheries sector in India 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 in all States and Union Territories. PMMSY, *inter-alia* promotes income generating ‘mariculture’ activities such as bivalve cultivation including mussels and other hitherto unexplored commercial species at a unit cost of Rs. 20,000/- with 60% of unit cost as subsidy for SC, ST and Women beneficiary (i.e. Rs. 12,000/-) and for General and OBC beneficiary 40% of unit cost (i.e. Rs. 8000/-). Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has sanctioned 320 bivalve culture units including mussels at a total investment of Rs. 63.60 lakhs under PMMSY.

(c) : Does not arise.

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