LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3220
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th 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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