

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 757
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023

Development of Fisheries

757. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed PM Matsya Sampada Yojana with an investment of Rs.6,000 crore to enable development of fisheries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of plan to develop the coastal fishermen and their families under the yojana; and
- (c) the details of steps taken under PMMSY to help fish workers in coastal areas ushering in a new phase of accelerated growth in the fisheries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): In the Union Budget 2023-24, the Government has announced a new sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana with targeted investment of Rs. 6,000 crore to further enable activities of fishermen, fish vendors and micro & small enterprises, improve value chain efficiencies and expand the market. The Sub-Scheme intends to gradually formalize the fisheries sector and facilitate access to institutional financing in the sector, incentivize value chain players such as micro enterprises and/or small enterprises for improving value chain efficiencies, quality assurance and supply of safe fish and fishery products; and for creation and maintenance of jobs with focus on jobs for women in the fisheries sector. The Sub-Scheme also intends to help in addressing associated risks in aquaculture system.

(c) The Government of India is implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)- A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with an investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25. The PMMSY *inter alia* aims to support various stakeholders including fish workers in coastal areas engaged in post harvest and marketing activities by supporting creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure such as fishing harbours/fish landing centres, cold storages and ice plants, fish and fisheries products transportation vehicles including refrigerated and insulated vehicles, ice flaking and ice crushing units, ice/fish holding boxes, motorcycles, bicycles and autorickshaws with ice boxes, value addition enterprise units as well as modern hygienic markets for handling of fish such as wholesale fish markets including supermarkets, retail fish markets and outlets, mobile fish and live fish markets. The PMMSY also accords special focus on imparting training for skill development and capacity building among coastal fish workers. The PMMSY further supports development of integrated modern coastal fishing villages with an aim to maximize economic and social benefits to coastal fishers and fish workers while minimizing environmental degradation through sustainable fishing and allied practices.