

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1418
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2023

Promotion of Ornamental Fishing

1418. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

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

- a. whether any steps have been taken to promote ornamental fishing in the country, particularly in West Bengal, given its negligible share in the exports despite having huge potential to grow in the country due to conducive environment and high diversity of tropical fishes;
- b. if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c. whether the Government has conducted any resource potential assessment to identify areas suitable for ornamental fishing, particularly in West Bengal; and
- d. if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with a vision to bring Blue Revolution including Ornamental Fisheries development 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 the States/UTs including Government of West Bengal. During the last three financial years (2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23) and current financial year 2023-24, Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approvals to the Ornamental fisheries development proposals of Government of West Bengal at a total outlay of Rs. 15.69 crores for establishment of 193 nos of Backyard Ornamental fish rearing unit, 195 nos of Medium Scale Ornamental Fish rearing unit (Fresh water), 32 nos of Integrated Ornamental fish unit (breeding and rearing for fresh water fish) and 2 nos of Fresh water Ornamental Fish Brood Banks.

(c) and (d): The Department of Fisheries, GoI through Central Institute of Fresh water Aquaculture(CIFA) under PMMSY is implementing a Project Proposal on Strategic Planning and Database development for Ornamental Fisheries value Chain upgradation in the Country including west Bengal for Database Portal development, development of State level strategic Action plans for Ornamental Fisheries value Chain development, development of Roadmaps for sub-sectors of Ornamental fisheries and forecasting for the development of futuristic sectoral technologies.
