

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1523  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Health Card for Fishermen**

**1523. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:**

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

- (a) whether the fishermen have health card as they are amenable to diseases due to longer period of activity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of common diseases among them?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) to (d): Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), any person including fishermen are entitle to avail health cover of Rs.5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation and as such there is no separate Health Card issued for Fishermen. Besides, in order to provide social security, cover to fishers, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) provides accidental insurance coverage to fishers. The insurance coverage provided under the PMMSY includes (i) Rs.5,00,000/- against accidental death or permanent total disability, (ii) Rs.2,50,000/- for permanent partial disability and (iii) hospitalization expenses in the event of accident for a sum of Rs. 25,000/. During last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and current financial year (2023-24) insurance cover to a total 96.48 lakh fishermen has been provided with central premium amount of Rs.44.57crore. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has not received any report on common diseases of fishermen.

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