

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 237
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2023

Fish Processing Industries

237. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

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

- (a) the details of the fish processing industries established in the country during the last three years particularly in Bihar;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated robust export strategies to enhance the income of farmers through fish and fish products;
- (c) whether the Government is providing incentives for setting up a cold supply chain for fish and fish products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Indian railway is currently operating refrigerated coaches for fish transportation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever investment of Rs.20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-2021 to FY 2024-25. PMMSY inter-alia aims at creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure such as fishing harbours/fish landing centres for hygienic handling of fish, cold chain for retention of freshness, facilities for processing and value addition and marketing in all states including Bihar. So far, Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under PMMSY during the last three financial years (FY 2020-21 to 2022-23), and current financial year (2023-24), has approved 52 ice plants/cold storages, 1575 post-harvest transportation facilities and 85 fish kiosks for marketing of fish, to the Bihar aimed at development of fish processing and post-harvest industry in the State.

(b): PMMSY *inter-alia* aims at enhancing contribution to Agriculture GVA and doubling of export income from the fisheries sector. PMMSY intends to address critical gaps in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, reduction of post-harvest losses, traceability etc. In order to enhance the global competitiveness of fisheries sector, PMMSY supports for quality fish production, species diversification, promotion of export-oriented species, branding standards and certification, training and capacity building, creation of post-harvest infrastructure with emphasis on seamless cold chain and development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centers, etc.

(c) and (d): PMMSY *inter-alia* supports creation of modern post-harvest cold chain infrastructure such as storages, ice plants and fish transportation vehicles including with ice flaking and ice crushing units etc. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has approved proposals to the tune of Rs. 1368.10 crore for development of cold chain infrastructure under PMMSY including construction of 563 cold storages, modernization of 78 cold storages/ice plants and 25193 post-harvest transportation facilities.

(e): As reported by Ministry of Railways, currently no refrigerated coaches are operated for fish transportation.
