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MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2596  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Sagar Parikrama Yatra Program**

**2596. SHRIMATI HIMADRI SINGH:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:**

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**  
**मत्स्य पालन, पशु पालन और डेयरी मंत्री** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding Sagar Parikrama Yatra program;
- (b) the manner in which it seeks to establish direct communication channels with fishermen community; and
- (c) the details of the budgetary provisions and the outcomes of this initiative?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' program on the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Sagar Parikrama program is being organized through a pre-decided sea route to cover visit of all coastal states/UTs in a phased manner. It has been started on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 from Mandvi, Gujarat and so far visit of more than 88 locations, covering a coastal length of more than 6000 km across 10 coastal states/UTs has been completed. '*Sagar Parikrama*' aims to (i) facilitate interaction with fishermen, coastal communities and stakeholders so as to disseminate information of various fisheries related schemes and programs being implemented by the Government, (ii) demonstrating solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholder's as a spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (iii) promote responsible fisheries with focus on sustainable balance between the utilization of marine fisheries resources for food security of nation and livelihoods of coastal fisher communities, and (iv) protection of marine ecosystems.

- (b) Sagar Parikrama is an outreach program intended to reach out fishermen community across the entire coastal belt of the country. During the Sagar Parikrama Yatra program visits of Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying along with Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, Fisheries Ministers of concerned coastal States/UTs and Senior Officers of Union and State Governments are conducted to coastal areas for having direct communication with the fishermen and coastal communities. The interaction programs organized during the '*Sagar Parikrama*' aims to resolve the issues of the fishers and other stakeholders and to facilitate their economic upliftment through various fisheries schemes and programs being implemented by the Government of India, such as '*Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana*' (PMMSY), a flagship scheme with highest ever estimated investment of Rs.20,050 Cr. in fisheries sector, 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund' (FIDF) of Rs. 7,522.48 Cr. to provide concessional finance to eligible entities, and the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) which has been extended for fishers and fish farmers. In addition to the schemes and programs of fisheries sector, the '*Sagar Parikrama*' program envisages creation of awareness on various other schemes and programs of the Government of India.
- (c) Budgetary provision of '*Sagar Parikrama*' is Rs. 8.00 Crs. Notably, the initiative of Sagar Parikrama has achieved extensive outreach of Government schemes and programs across the coastal States/UTs through direct interaction, electronic, print, and digital media in 7 vernacular languages. It has facilitated fishers & fish farmers to obtain KCC cards and awareness related to beneficiary oriented components and activities under the PMMSY and other schemes. The initiative has also facilitated visits of the authorities into diverse and remote coastal territories to understand and address the ground-level challenges, emphasizing sustainable practices, technological innovations, and inclusive growth, fortifying our nation's fisheries ecosystem. The outreach has also roped in public representatives, State Fisheries Ministers, MPs, MLAs, local leaders and other dignitaries, ensuring a holistic understanding of coastal challenges of fishers at grassroots level to hear the issues of fisher folk community and suggestions for possible solutions. The program has witnessed the convergence of Fisheries Department of Government of India with the State Fisheries Departments, Indian Coast Guard, State Maritime Boards, District Administrations and other key stakeholders such as fishermen, fisherwomen, fish workers, fish farmers and fish entrepreneurs etc.

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