

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2647  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Inland Aquaculture**

**2647. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:  
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:**

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

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has helped to expand fisheries to non-traditional areas and almost 20,000 hectares of fresh pond area is being brought under inland aquaculture and even in landlocked Haryana, Telangana and Rajasthan, farmers are successfully converting their saline and other waste lands into wealth lands through aquaculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;
- (c) whether the PMMSY has empowered fisherwomen to explore remunerative options and alternative livelihoods such as ornamental fisheries, pearl-culture and seaweed cultivation and also launched parks for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and results yielded, income generated and subsidies extended to each State as on date?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b): The 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 through sustainable and responsible development of Fisheries sector in India with an 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. During the last three financial years (FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23) and current financial year (2023-24), the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under PMMSY, inter-alia approved the proposal for expansion of aquaculture area through multifarious activities such as construction of (i) 20823.40 hectares of freshwater ponds, (ii) 2855.59 hectares of saline/alkaline ponds, (iii) 1370.86 hectares of brackishwater aquaculture ponds, (iv) 3399.69 hectares of ponds in Himalayan and North Eastern Regions and (v) 3703.5 hectares of biofloc ponds. This includes construction of saline/alkaline ponds of 2050 hectares in the State of Haryana, saline/alkaline ponds of 110 hectares in the State of Rajasthan and 1000 hectares of grow-out and rearing ponds in the State of Telangana.

(c) & (d): PMMSY inter-alia encompasses inclusive development and women are also envisaged as stakeholders in taking up of fisheries development and its economic activities. During the last three financial years (FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23) and current financial year (2023-24) under the PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has sanctioned establishment of 6 Integrated Aquaparks at a total investment of Rs. 502.78 crore with the central share of Rs. 315.97 crore. Further, to create alternative livelihood, under PMMSY, 2314 Ornamental rearing units, 1,12,425 units for seaweed cultivation and 1487 bivalve cultivation units at a total investment of Rs. 190.30 crore have been approved and these projects are benefitting and empowering 4075 women beneficiaries.

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