

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.387  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**Financial Assistance to Fisherfolk**

**387.SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide the basic facilities to the fisherfolk so as to ensure their livelihood and if so, the details of action taken thereon;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide Kerosene to the traditional fisherfolk in a subsidized rate, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the traditional fisherfolk are in crisis due to the hike in price of fuel used in fishing boats and if so, the action taken to reduce the price;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the fisherfolk so as to ensure their livelihood;
- (e) if so, the details of action taken thereon; and
- (f) the details of the project and programmes of the Government for ensuring the welfare of fisherfolk in Kerala?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a): Yes Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented by the Department of Fisheries, *inter-alia* envisages support towards livelihood strengthening activities such as providing boats and nets to traditional fishermen, support for communication/tracking devices, providing sea-safety kits, insurance cover to fishers, support for acquisition of deep-sea fishing vessels, alternative/additional livelihood activities like seaweed culture & bivalve culture, training & skill development, support towards cold-chain and marketing facilities. PMMSY also envisages financial assistance towards livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families during the fishing ban/lean period. Besides, the scheme also envisages construction of Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres ensuring safe landing and berthing of fishing boats/vessels.

(b)& (c): Allocation of Kerosene is handled by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). The MoPNG has informed that effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene is being maintained at nil under-recovery level on pan India basis. The MoPNG has further reported that Government makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene for cooking and lighting purpose only on quarterly basis to States/UTs. Government vide order dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012, has empowered States/UTs to draw an allocation of one month's quota of PDS Kerosene at Non-Subsidized rates during each financial year for special needs such as natural calamities, religious functions, fishermen, various yatras etc. States/UTs may seek further additional allocation after exhausting available quota.

(d) & (e): Under PMMSY, during the last three financial years (FY 2020-21 to 2022-23), and current financial year (2023-24), financial assistance for the projects amounting to Rs. 17118.62 crore has been approved to various State Governments/ Union Territories and other implementing agencies towards developmental of fisheries sector and livelihood support of the fisherfolk.

(f): During last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and current year (2023-24), the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under PMMSY has accorded approvals to the fisheries developmental proposals of Government of Kerala amounting to Rs.903.32 crore. Fisheries developmental projects and activities approved for Government of Kerala towards development of fisheries and welfare of fisherfolk include, livelihood and nutritional support to active traditional fishers' families during fish ban, rearing & grow out ponds, hatcheries, ornamental fisheries, fish brood bank, fishing harbours, fish landing centres deep sea fishing vessels, cages in reservoirs, bivalve culture, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), biofloc culture units and pen culture units, ice-plants/cold storages, post-harvest transportation vehicles, fish vending centres, fish feed mills, retail markets, fish kiosk, Aquatic Referral Lab, boats and nets to traditional fishermen, Matsya Seva Kendras, Sagar Mitras and artificial reef for sustainability of fish stocks.

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