

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th FEBRUARY, 2024

Financial Assistance to Traditional Fishermen

501. **SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:**
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government provide any financial assistance to traditional fishermen to convert their vessels into deep sea fishing boats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such financial assistance provided during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the fresh steps taken by the Government to provide fishermen modern fishing vessels equipped with in-built processing facilities to maintain international quality standards for deep sea resources?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) *inter-alia* supports for acquisition of deep-sea fishing vessels for traditional fishermen. Under this scheme, Government financial assistance upto 40% for General category with a ceiling of Rs. 48.00 lakh/deep-sea fishing vessels and 60% for SC/ST/Women with a ceiling of Rs. 72.00 lakh/deep-sea fishing vessels has been provided for acquisition of deep-sea fishing vessels. During the last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and current year (2023-24), proposals for acquisition of a total 463 deep sea fishing vessels at a total cost Rs. 555.60 crore have been approved. The year-wise details of the approved deep sea fishing vessels are given below:

Sl. No	Year	No. of Deep sea fishing vessel approved	Total Cost (Rs. in crores)
1	2020-21	114	136.80
2	2021-22	151	181.20
3	2022-23	195	234.00
4	2023-24	3	3.60
	Total	463	555.60

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has also issued Standard Operating Procedure(SoP) for design and acquisition of modern deep sea fishing vessels with modern equipment under PMMSY including standards for Boat Building Yards.

In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the PMMSY also provides financial assistance for Up-gradation of existing fishing vessels for export competency. During the last three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and current year (2023-24), proposals for up-gradation of a total of 1172 existing fishing vessels at a total cost of Rs.168.75 crore for export competency have been approved.
