

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. *129

TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Upgradation of Pisciculture Infrastructure

***129. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:**

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

- (a) whether any plans are in place to upgrade the physical infrastructure for pisciculture in the country, especially with respect to cage culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is proposing to extend marketing support to States for the export of fish to boost the revenue of the fisheries sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*129 put in by Shri Pinaki Mishra, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha for answer on 11th February, 2020 regarding Upgradation of Pisciculture Infrastructure

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying plans to upgrade the physical infrastructure for pisciculture in the country and is implementing various schemes/programmes for development of fisheries including creation of infrastructure. Details of the Central Schemes being implemented are as below:

- (i) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries at a total central outlay of Rs. 3000 crore is being implemented since 2015-16 for development of fisheries in the country. The CSS *inter-alia*, provides financial assistance for creation of infrastructure for pisciculture such as installation of cages in reservoirs and open sea, cages for fish culture in brackishwater, establishment of fish brood banks, hatcheries, construction of ponds, rearing ponds, fish feed mills, development of post-harvest infrastructure like ice plants, cold storages, ice plants-cum-cold storages and development of fish landing centre in reservoirs. Details of the physical infrastructure facilities taken up under the CSS for pisciculture activities in the country, especially with respect to cage culture are furnished at **Annexure-I**.
- (ii) A new scheme titled Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Fund (FIDF) was launched in 2019-20 with a fund size of Rs. 7522.48 crore for providing access to concessional finance for development fisheries infrastructure in the country. Under the FIDF, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying provides interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the Nodal Loaning Entities for development of infrastrucutre in the fisheries sector.

(c) and (d) : Yes, Sir. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is extending monitory support to the States and Union Territories under the Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries Scheme. The scheme provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories for creation of marketing infrastructure facilities for fisheries such as retail fish markets, mobile fish hubs, retail fish outlets (Kiosks), fish preservation and fish transport vehicles. The Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) also provides for development of modern fish markets, fish processing units, fish preservation, fish transport and cold chain network infrastructure. Besides, this Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is implementing various schemes and training programmes for increasing the unit value of the production and export of value-added marine products from the country and strengthening the capture fisheries sector to enhance the compliance of importing country requirements.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 129 for answer on 11th February, 2020 regarding Upgradation of Pisciculture Infrastructure: Details of Pisciculture related projects/activities taken up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries.

- a) 770 nos of sea cage for fish culture
- b) 25,625 hectares area brought under aquaculture
- c) 522 nos of Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems (RAS)
- d) 13,982 nos of cages in reservoirs and other water bodies
- e) 535 nos of fish/prawn hatcheries
- f) 229 nos fish feed mill/plants
- g) 2026 nos. Raceways for Coldwater Fisheries
- h) Construction of 140 nos of landing centers including Reservoirs and rivers
- i) 11 nos Brood-bank facilities created
- j) 461 units of post-Harvest Infrastructure facilities viz., ice plants and cold storage have been sanctioned
- k) 10,111 units of fish transportation facilities viz., refrigerated and insulated trucks, auto rickshaws, motor cycles and bicycles with ice box
- l) 1,218 units of fish markets and fish mobile markets
- m) Skill development/training of 85,274 fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders
