

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2020

Promotion of Aquaculture

1384. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to promote aquaculture in the country;
- (b) whether there are any plans to develop clusters for better development of aquaculture in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing various schemes/programmes for development and promotion of aquaculture in the country. The Department of Fisheries has launched a flagship Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY): A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India'. The PMMSY *inter-alia*, envisages financial assistance for promotion of freshwater and brackishwater aquaculture, fish culture in reservoirs and other open water bodies, wetland, cold water fisheries and technology infusion in the aquaculture sector. The PMMSY also envisages cluster and area-based developmental approaches to enhance competitiveness of aquaculture sector, facilitate economies of scale, generate higher incomes, accelerate growth and expansion of the sector in an organized manner, amplify outcomes. Potential areas for aquaculture are developed as an integrated clusters with requisite interventions/activities, forward and backward linkages and with facilities for quality brood, seed and feed, critical infrastructure, processing and marketing networks. Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure and Development Fund (FIDF) also provide concessional finance for development of aquaculture. Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility has also been extended to fishers and fish farmers to meet their working capital requirements.
