

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.*283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2021

FISH FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

***283. SHRIMATI MEENAKSHILEKHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is extending support to promote Fish Farmers Producer Organisations (FFPOs);
- (b) if so, the details of the support being provided to FFPOs including financial support; and
- (c) the total number of FFPOs registered in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

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

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No *283 put in by Shrimati Meenakshi Lekhi, Honourable Member of Parliament for answer on 16th March, 2021 regarding Fish Farmers Producer Organisations

(a) and (b): Yes sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) under the new flagship scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) provides financial assistance for setting up of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers and enhance their bargaining power. The financial support provided under the PMMSY to each FFPOs primarily includes cost of formation, management, training and skill development and equity grant.

(c): The Department of Fisheries, MoFAHD through Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW), Government of India assisted setting up of 5 FFPOs in the states of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on pilot basis under the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme Blue Revolution-Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries and these 5 FFPOs have already registered. Further, under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, MoFAHD has accorded approval to the proposal of National Cooperative Development Corporation, MoAFW for setting up of 50 FFPOs at a total cost of Rs.24.50 crore during the current financial year (FY 2020-21). Besides, approval has also been accorded during the current financial year to the proposal of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for setting up of 22 FFPOs at total cost of Rs. 10 crore under the PMMSY.
