

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th MARCH, 2021

SEAWEED FARMING

2503: SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) the details of steps being taken by the Government and the subsidies being given under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to promote seaweed farming and cultivation across the country;
- (b) whether the Government is identifying sites for cultivation in the vast coastline of the State of Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering the establishment of a model demonstration farm in Chilika lake for cultivation of seaweeds, if so, the details and the timeframe thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING:

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing a new flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) under which seaweed cultivation is one of the priority activities supported across the country. Under PMMSY, financial assistance is provided for seaweed cultivation, training, value chain, etc. to coastal States and Union Territories (UTs) in the country. Proposals for seaweed development under PMMSY have been received from various coastal States / UTs viz; Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration. Projects worth Rs.2081.48 lakh have already been approved in the current financial year.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) identified 14 potential sites covering an area of approximately 1500 Ha for seaweed cultivation in Puri, Ganjam, Balasore and Jagatsinghpur Districts of Odisha.

(c) Department of Fisheries, Government of Odisha intimated that at present there is no plan for establishing a model demonstration farm in Chilika lake for cultivation of seaweeds.
