

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2021

MONOCULTURE PRACTICE IN MAHARASHTRA

3419. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for the growth of Giant Freshwater Prawn under Monoculture Practice in the State of Maharashtra especially in the eastern districts of Bhandara and Gondiya Districts of the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated schemes for the export promotion of Freshwater Prawns from this region; 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) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)”- A Scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with highest ever investment of Rs. 20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 in all the States and UTs including Maharashtra. Under PMMSY financial assistance is also provided for development of fresh water prawn (scampi) hatchery, construction of ponds and inputs for freshwater fish culture including prawn culture. The Department of Fisheries under the PMMSY during 2020-21 has approved the fisheries development proposal of Government of Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs. 153.19 crore with central share of Rs.50.64 crore. The approved activities *inter-alia* include freshwater fin fish hatcheries, rearing and growout ponds, input for rearing. It is reported that Government of Maharashtra is popularizing fresh water prawn culture in the Bhandara and Gondia districts and there is a practice of composite fish culture in these districts, wherein prawn is cultured along with other fresh water fish species. The Government of Maharashtra further reported that most of the fresh water prawns produced in the Bhandara and Gondia are sold and consumed locally in these two and adjacent districts.
