Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate policy/programme is proposed to be launched to promote fisheries in Mithila region, where fish has got a special importance and fisheries is the backbone of livelihood for people there;

(b) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the details of the Governmental programmes meant for opening new cow sheds for protection of cows and running of old cow sheds in a streamlined and proper way?

ANSWER

Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - 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 in all the States/Union Territories (UTs) including Bihar for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21. During the current financial year (2020-21), the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Bihar at a total cost of Rs.183.32 crore under the PMMSY for development of fisheries in the State including Mithila region. The approved activities primarily include construction of hatcheries, rearing ponds, grow-out ponds with inputs, biofloc ponds with inputs, stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs and wetlands, ornamental fish culture, Recirculatory Aquaculture System, installation of cages in reservoirs, ice plants, fish transport vehicles, fish markets, fish feed plants, mobile fish kiosks, Matsya Seva Kendra, brood bank, aquatic referral labs etc.

(c): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is not running any scheme for cowshed. However, Animal Welfare Board of India is implementing shelter home scheme under which assistance are provided to establish shelter for animals by the recognized Animal Welfare Organisation.