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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2021

PMMSY in Gujarat

**2513. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:**

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

- (a) the main objectives of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Department of Fisheries for the protection of aquatic ecological system; and
- (c) the efforts being made to ensure that the State of Gujarat gets more benefit of the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing 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” with a highest ever investment of Rs.20050 crore for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 for development of fisheries in all States/Union Territories.

The aims and objectives of PMMSY are; (i) to harness the fisheries potential in a sustainable, responsible, inclusive and equitable manner, (ii) enhancing fish production and productivity through expansion, intensification, diversification and productive utilization of land and water, (iii) modernizing and strengthening of value chain - post-harvest management and quality improvement, (iv) doubling fishers and fish farmers incomes and generation of employment, (v) enhancing contribution to Agriculture GDP and exports, (vi) social, physical and economic security for fishers and fish farmers and (vii) robust fisheries management and regulatory framework.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has taken several steps for conservations and protection of aquatic resources like imposing uniform fish ban on fishing in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters in East and West Coasts for a period of 61 days annually, ban on destructive fishing methods viz. pair trawling or bull trawling and use of artificial LED lights in fishing, discouraging juvenile fishing. Besides, PMMSY is implemented keeping in view of the ecological well being of aquatic ecosystem. As a part of conservation and management measures, PMMSY also envisages to promote sea/ocean ranching, diversification of fisheries activities, use of by-catch and juvenile fish excluders, turtle exclusion devices, providing need-based support to States/UTs for formulation and implementation of fisheries management plans in lines with the requirements of Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF), Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO's) Guidelines on small scale fisheries, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Under PMMSY assistance is also provided, promotion deep sea fishing, installation of Bio toilets onboard the fishing vessels for maintaining hygiene, prevention of pollution of sea and oceans and protection of their ecology.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is primarily implemented in collaboration with the State Governments/UTs and financial assistance under PMMSY is provided based on the fisheries developmental proposals and demands submitted by the States/UTs. During the financial year 2020-21, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has accorded approval to the fisheries development proposal of Government of Gujarat at a total cost of Rs. 6375 lakh with central share of Rs. 1787 lakh under the PMMSY. The approved project activities include; support for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels for traditional fishermen, biofloc culture system units and stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs and these activities are intending to create direct and indirect benefits to fishers, fish farmers and other related stakeholders in the State.
