

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 263  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**River Lake and Pond Fishing**

**263.SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any special plans to motivate persons engaged in river/ lake/pond fishing and provide incentives for keeping them commercially alive in this field; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the incentive schemes provided to support river/lake/pond fishing in the country, particularly in the State of Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b):The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya SampadaYojana (PMMSY)- A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with highest ever investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories(UTs) including Maharashtra.PMMSY *inter-alia* envisages development of fisheries in inland water bodies like rivers, lakes and ponds. The PMMSY provides supportsto persons engaged in fishing in river/ lake/pondsfor procurement of boats, nets and such other implements for fishing, for procurement of fish transport vehicles like refrigerated and insulated vehicles, three wheelers and two wheelers with ice boxes, construction of fish kiosks for marketing their catch,for construction of ice plants&cold storages for safe storage & reducing losses, for construction of nursery ponds, rearing ponds& grow out ponds with inputs, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) &biofloc units for diversifying into aquaculture, for undertakingcage culture in reservoirs, stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs&pen culture in open water bodies to increase their catch.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during last financial year (2020-21) and current financial year (2021-22) has accorded approval to the fisheries development proposals of Government of Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs. 395.00 crore under the PMMSY. The approved project activities also include providing boats and nets for traditional fishermen,construction of rearing ponds, grow out ponds with inputs for aquaculture, construction of biofloc ponds,Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS),stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs, installation of cages in reservoirs, integrated development of reservoirs, post harvest and cold chain activities likeice plants/cold storages, refrigerated vehicles, insulated vehicles, motorcycle with ice box, three wheelers with icebox, live fish vending centres and fish kiosks.

Besides, the Government of India has also extended the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers to meet their working capital needs for rearing of animals, poultry birds, fish, shrimp, other aquatic organisms and capture of fish.

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