

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021

Welfare of Fishermen

365. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D. :

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to give cash dole of Rs. 10,000/- Rs. to fishermen during the time of fishing ban, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to hike the diesel / kerosene subsidy to fishermen, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of measures taken so far to give good level of higher education to the children of fishermen; and
- (d) the details of schemes being implemented/likely to be implemented for eradication of middleman in fish trade?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) a flagship scheme implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying *inter-alia* provides livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families during the fishing ban/lean period. Under the PMMSY Governmental financial assistance of @Rs. 3000/- per annum is provided to each enrolled beneficiary and the beneficiary contributes Rs. 1500/- to this annually. Such accumulated amount of Rs. 4500/- is disbursed to each enrolled beneficiary by the respective State/UT at the rate of Rs. 1500/- per month during the fishing ban/lean period for three months annually.
- (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has no such plan.
- (c): PMMSY *inter-alia* lays special focus on training, skill development, skill up-gradation and capacity building through trainings, awareness building programmes and exposure visits to stakeholders especially fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, entrepreneurs, officials, fisheries Cooperatives and members of FFPOs etc. The policies and schemes/programmes implemented by the Department also accord paramount importance for improvement of socio-economic status of the fishers, which pave towards the better living standard and good education to children of fishermen family as well.
- (d): Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) also provides for setting up of and operationalisation of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers, enhance their bargaining power and to enable to establish direct marketing linkages aiming towards eradication of middleman in fish trade.
