GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRYAND DAIRYING DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 376 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2022

Covid Stimulus Package for Fisheries Sector

*376. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

- (a) the details and present status of implementation of the covid stimulus package announced to the fisheries sector in the country;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided and utilized as on date, State-wise;
- (c) whether any direct financial assistance has been provided to the fishermen in any State as part of this package and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that the fishing sector in the country is facing deep crisis after the spread of COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (e) whether the Government will consider a special scheme for compensating the job loss among fishermen and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRYAND DAIRYING (PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.-*376 put in by Adv. Adoor Prakash, Hon'ble Member of Parliament due for answer on 29th March, 2022 regarding Covid Stimulus Package for Fisheries Sector.

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & (a) to (e): Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat COVID-19 relief package with an estimated investment of Rs.20,050 crores for implementation in all States/Union Territories over a period of 5 years from Fy 2020-21 to Fy 2024-25. The details of State-wise central funds released and utilized since its inception as on date are at Annexure-I. PMMSY interalia also provides (i) livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families during the fishing ban/lean period under which Governmental financial assistance of Rs. 3000/- per annum is provided to each enrolled beneficiary along with beneficiary contribution of Rs. 1500/- annually. Further, 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. (ii) Insurance coverage for fishers which includes (i) Rs.5,00,000/- against accidental death or permanent total disability, (ii) Rs.2,50,000/- for permanent partial disability and (iii) insurance coverage for hospitalization expenses in the event of accident for a sum of Rs. 25,000/-.

The Department with a view to avoid adverse impact on fisheries due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in the country, had issued advisory to State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) to include fish and shrimp in the list of exempted commodities during lockdown and also to allow movement of fish and fish products, fish seed & fish feed for fish-farmers/fishers, aquaculture farms and other commercial establishments like aquarium shop etc. Besides, the Guidelines issued on 10th April, 2020 by the Ministry of Home Affairs also allowed operations of the fishing(marine)/aquaculture industry including feeding & maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing, hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria, movement of fish/shrimp and fish products, seed/feed and workers, during the lockdown period. Moreover, while fulfilling ambitious target in fish production and productivity, PMMSY also aims to create huge employment opportunities both direct and indirect in fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.- *376 put in by Adv. Adoor Prakash, Hon'ble Member of Parliament due for answer on 29th March, 2022 regarding 'Covid Stimulus Package for Fisheries Sector': State-wise details of total central funds released and utilized under the PMMSY scheme during 2020-21 to 2021-22 (till date).

(Rs. in lakhs)

		PMMSV T					V Total
S. No	Name of the State/UT	2020-21		2021-22		PMMSY Total (as on date)	
		Funds	Amount	Funds	Amount	Funds	Amount
		released	Utilized	released	Utilized	released	Utilized
i	ii	iii	iv	V	vi	vii	viii
1	Andaman & Nicobar	200.00		509.30		709.30	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	5554.12	3656.70	10074.09		15628.21	3656.70
3	Arunachal Pradesh	790.61		0.00		790.61	0.00
4	Assam	2676.56	2300.00	5051.43		7727.99	2300.00
5	Bihar	2932.12	1422.67	1308.15		4240.27	1422.67
6	Chhattisgarh	3606.74	3606.74	3296.56		6903.30	3606.74
7	Daman & Diu &DNH	178.90	0.00	7.20		186.10	0.00
8	Goa	596.74	73.21	1645.85		2242.59	73.21
9	Gujarat	893.70	13.77	5054.85		5948.55	13.77
10	Haryana	953.94	799.71	1620.03		2573.97	799.71
11	Himachal Pradesh	1467.28	304.52	111.07		1578.35	304.52
12	Jammu & Kashmir	4207.20	3828.14	1478.22		5685.42	3828.14
13	Jharkhand	1618.56	301.08	1043.35		2661.91	301.08
14	Karnataka	6235.30	4948.48	9927.68	3650.00	16162.98	8598.48
15	Kerala	800.00	800.00	7810.95		8610.95	800.00
16	Lakshadweep	1344.12		98.80		1442.92	0.00
17	Madhya Pradesh	2379.16	2301.04	4880.00	2507.87	7259.16	4808.91
18	Maharashtra	3657.42	625.00	3315.25		6972.67	625.00
19	Manipur	1097.97	1097.97	846.66		1944.63	1097.97
20	Meghalaya	790.65	662.57	765.69		1556.34	662.57
21	Mizoram	986.77	828.55	1202.35		2189.12	828.55
22	Nagaland	807.07	807.07	1355.67		2162.74	807.07
23	NCT Delhi	144.30	63.59	19.00		163.30	63.59
24	Odisha	3995.82	3174.61	6671.47		10667.29	3174.61
25	Puducherry	990.50	684.43	1515.38		2505.88	684.43
26	Punjab	567.84		0.00		567.84	0.00
27	Rajasthan	210.82	9.25	175.65		386.47	9.25
28	Sikkim	313.20		242.01		555.21	0.00
29	Tamil Nadu	1938.61		2642.45		4581.06	0.00
30	Telangana	779.34	779.34	4128.03		4907.37	779.34
31	Tripura	737.01	562.43	1965.00		2702.01	562.43
32	Uttar Pradesh	7009.62	5218.54	6996.14	269.44	14005.76	5487.98
33	Uttarakhand	912.61	911.54	1476.45		2389.06	911.54
34	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
35	Ladakh	37.50	37.50	120.30		157.80	37.50
	Total	61412.10	39818.45	87355.03	6427.31	148767.13	46245.76