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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 980  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

**Fisheries Sector in Dahod District**

**980. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

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

- (a) the details of concrete steps taken by the Government for the upliftment of fisheries sector in Dahod district in the State of Gujarat and the amount of fund allocated for the said district, year-wise along with the details of the funds utilised there from;
- (b) whether a sufficient market is there for the fisheries sector products and whether new markets have been discovered and or any survey has been conducted for discovering new markets;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to double the income of farmers and fishermen associated with this sector;
- (d) the details of production and export of fisheries sector products from Dahod district in the State of Gujarat during the last three years; and
- (e) the Government and Non-Government Organisations which are working for the expansion of new markets and exports of fisheries sector products and the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the amount of fund allocated year wise?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has taken up several initiatives for development and upliftment of fisheries sector including (i) implementation of a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) 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 Gujarat, (ii) creation and implementation of a dedicated fund namely, 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund' (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs.7,522.48 crore for providing concessional finance for creation of fisheries infrastructures, (iii) extending 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.

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India during last financial year (2020-21) and current financial year (2021-22) has accorded approval to the fisheries development proposals of Government of Gujarat at a total cost of

Rs.377.89 crore for development of fisheries in the State under the PMMSY. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has also accorded approval to the proposals of Government of Gujarat for development of five fishing harbours at Navabandar, Madhwad, Sutrapada, Phase-2 of Veraval Fishing Harbour and Phase -2 expansion of Porbandar Fishing Harbour at a total cost of Rs.1354.92 crore for concessional financing under FIDF. The approved activities intend to create direct and indirect benefits to large number of fishers, fish farmers and other related stakeholders in the State.

Details of steps taken for upliftment of fisheries sector in Dahod district in Gujarat as reported by Government of Gujarat include leasing of irrigation ponds, reservoirs to fishers, implementation of welfare schemes, extension activities like training modules, seminars, workshops, fish seed rearing to fulfil the fish seed demand in Dahod district. Year-wise details of the funds allocated for the said district along with funds utilized during financial year 2016-17 to 2020-21 as reported by Government of Gujarat is as below:

(Rs.in lakhs)

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount of fund allocated</b>	<b>Details of fund utilized</b>
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
1	2016-17	50.14	49.19
2	2017-18	50.70	52.58
3	2018-19	57.41	57.35
4	2019-20	66.55	66.40
5	2020-21	41.65	40.83

(b): The Government of Gujarat has reported that there are well established markets and no pending demand for new market in the District and therefore no new market is discovered or surveyed.

(c) : Steps taken to double the income of farmers and fishermen associated in the sector as reported by Government of Gujarat include leasing of irrigation ponds, reservoirs at the upset and bare minimum price to fishermen, providing of 100% subsidies for fish & prawn stocking in reservoirs, providing subsidy for fish seed rearing, input subsidy for fresh water fish culture, cage culture in reservoirs, insulated box to vendors, boats and nets, pagadiya subsidy, enrolling of fish farmers, fishermen, fisheries co-operatives, SHGs, entrepreneurs, fish vendors into Kisan Credit Card(KCC) to avail loan with benefit of interest subvention scheme.

(d): The details of production and interstate export of fish and fishery products from Dahod district during last three years as reported by Government of Gujarat are as below:

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Production (in tonne)</b>	<b>Inter State export of fisheries sector products (in tonne)</b>
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
1	2017-18	744	350
2	2018-19	641	382
3	2019-20	661	395

(e): Under PMMSY, the implementing agencies namely Central Government and its entities including National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), State/UT Governments and their entities, State Fisheries Development Board, Fisheries Development Corporations & Cooperative Fisheries Federations are working towards development and expansion of fisheries sector including enhancement of fish production, fish markets and exports. In addition certain new age companies like Licious, Fresh to home and Bigbasket are also working to expand the market through online and doorstep delivery. Besides, the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is also mandated to promote the marine products industry with special reference to fisheries exports from the country. MPEDA organises buyer-seller meets, and launches various promotional campaigns to promote export of marine fisheries products. MPEDA's annual budget year-wise as reported is Rs 100 crore in 2018-19, Rs. 110.33 crore in 2019-20 and Rs. 110 crore during 2020-21.

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