

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

LOK Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1495
To be answered on 26TH JULY, 2022

Post Harvest Losses in Marine Fishing

1495. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recorded the high incidence of post harvest losses in marine fishing operations during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for such losses and the details of steps taken to redress it;
- (d) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the high diesel prices on the fishing community in the country;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the diesel subsidy to the fishing community; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying aims to reduce post-harvest losses from the reported 20-25% to about 10% by the financial year 2024-25. PMMSY *inter-alia* also envisages development and strengthening of post-harvest infrastructure including cold chain, processing plants, cold storages, ice plants, freezing and packing plants, refrigerated and insulated vehicles, ice flaking and ice crushing units, ice/fish holding boxes, construction and modernisation of harbour and fish landing centres, modernisation of fish auction hall, etc. for reduction of post-harvest losses. During last two years of implementation of PMMSY, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has accorded approval of total project proposals of Rs. 1376.31 crore to various States/UTs and other implementing agencies for creation of such post harvest infrastructure facilities.

(d) to (f): Department of Fisheries, Government of India is not extending any subsidy for the fuel used for fishing and fisheries activities under PMMSY.
