

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2022

Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds

2584. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has released State funds for Maharashtra under the Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount approved, released and spent;
- (c) the details of the total number of beneficiary entrepreneurs so far, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken additional steps to increase the entrepreneurial skills of the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d): There is no scheme called Fisheries Enterprise Capital Funds. However, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is currently implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with an investment of ₹20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories, including in the State of Maharashtra. Under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India during the financial year 2020-21 and 2021-22 has accorded approval to the proposals of Government of Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs. 607.72 crore with central share of Rs. 287.87 crore and State share of Rs. 147.48 crore under PMMSY for development of fisheries in the State. Further, PMMSY *inter-alia* envisages creation of a conducive environment for development of entrepreneurship, business models, promotion of ease of doing business, innovations and innovative project activities including start-ups and incubators in fisheries sector. In pursuance to this, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India is also implementing a dedicated activity namely Entrepreneur Models in Fisheries and Aquaculture through the National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB) under PMMSY in all States/Union Territories, including Maharashtra.

To increase entrepreneurial skills of the beneficiaries the Department of Fisheries through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in collaboration with National Institute of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NIMSME) has provided training to beneficiaries during 23rd to 25th February 2022. Further, the NFDB in collaboration with NIMSME also organised one-day workshop for women entrepreneurs from 13 states for entrepreneurial skill development. Further, the Government of Maharashtra has reported organizing various out-reach training programmes for fish farmers, fishers and entrepreneurs such as making of various ornamental products by using fish skin, bivalve and oysters, Fish value added products, Ornamental fishery industry, cage culture, Biofloc and Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) etc.
