

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST 2024**

Sagar Parikrama

2522 Ms SAYANI GHOSH:

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

- (a) the expected outcomes of the Sagar Parikrama Phase-XII held in the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on January 11, 2024;
- (b) the findings from the inspection of aquaculture in brackishwater and impetus provided by the Government to fisherfolk since then;
- (c) the subsidies or financial support provided to enhance access to technologies such as indigenous seed production and diversified farming in the State; and
- (d) the technical assistance provided for research on native fish species being undertaken by experts in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a) An outreach program 'Sagar Parikrama' was organized in 12 phases by the Department of Fisheries, Government of India (DoF, Gol) as a part of the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during March 2022 to January 2024. This initiative was aimed to engage with fishermen, coastal communities and stakeholders of fisheries sector across coastline of the country with objectives to share the information on Government schemes related to fisheries sector, promote sustainable fishing practices and protection of marine ecosystem for a sustainable development of the sector. Phase-XII of the Sagar Parikrama program in West Bengal was organized on 10th and 11th January 2024 wherein interactions with fishers and stakeholders were held at Digha, Shankarpur, Petuaghat, Bakkhali, Sagardwip Island and Regional Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) Kakdwip. The information about the Government schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) were highlighted to the fishermen and stakeholders, encouraging them to avail the benefits under these schemes.

(b) The DoF, Gol, under PMMSY has approved the proposals of Government of West Bengal at a cost of Rs.497.88 crore with central share of Rs.209.90 crore during last two years for development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in the state including brackish water aquaculture.

(c) The DoF, GoI, under PMMSY has approved the projects of the State Government of West Bengal for establishment of 190 units of hatcheries at a cost of Rs.47.45 crore for fish seed production including indigenous fish species. The DoF, GoI has approved 62 unit of Recirculatory Aquaculture System and to bring 48-hectare new area under aquaculture at a cost of Rs.17.80 crore for diversified fish farming in the state of West Bengal.

(d) The DoF, GoI is implementing the river ranching activity under Central Sector component of PMMSY to enhance fish stocks of native species in the major river system covering 17 States including West Bengal with technical support from ICAR-Fisheries Research Institutes namely, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI), Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) and Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR-DCFR). Under these activities, 822 lakh fingerlings of native species such as *Labeo rohita*, *Catla catla*, *Cirrhinus mrigala*, and brown trout, along with other native species, have been stocked in major riverine systems like Ganga, Mahanadi, Brahmaputra, Kaveri and Narmada. ICAR-CIBA with its center at Kakdwip in West Bengal is assisted under the PMMSY and ICAR to conduct research and technology transfer of native species such as Hilsa, Bengal bream, long whisker catfish (*Mystus gulio*), scatt fish and Indian white shrimp. This includes enhancing seed production, improving availability of seeds and formulated feed for farming and adoption of improved farming methods. In addition, support for disease management and guidance to fish farmers of the state is also provided under the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD), which is funded by the DoF, GoI under PMMSY.
