

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2394  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**Training Institutes for Fishermen**

**2394. Dr. Prashant Yadaorao Padole:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up any training institute to provide training or to make fishermen aware of the issues related to safety and maritime boundaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up such a training institute and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether fishermen at Gondia had been largely affected due to maritime boundary and crossing border of neighbouring country; and
- (d) whether the Government will find a solution to these issues and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes, The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (DoF, MoFAHD, GoI) has set up the 'Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training' (CIFNET), which provides training to fishermen and creates trained manpower for manning the ocean going fishing vessels. The institute has its Head Quarters at Kochi and two more units at Chennai and Visakhapatnam. The institute through outreach/in-house training programmes, has been conducting various short term courses for the fishermen of the coastal states/Union Territories (UTs) on Safety at Sea, Seamanship and Navigation, Responsible Fishing and Electronic Equipments for Navigation and Communication at Sea etc.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Government of Maharashtra has informed that Gondia is a land-locked district of Maharashtra, and fisheries in this district is entirely freshwater based. As per the Department of Fisheries, Government Maharashtra records, there is no incidence of resident of Gondia district employed as crew member in marine fishing vessel, or has been affected due to crossing of maritime boundary or border of neighboring country.

(d): The DoF, MoFAHD, GoI, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), has approved a project 'National Rollout Plan for Vessel Communication and Support System' for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance of marine fishing vessels. National Rollout Plan envisages installation of about one lakh transponders on marine fishing vessels across all 13 coastal states and UTs with an outlay of Rs.364 crores. It's a two-way communication system enabling the fishermen to send short messages using their android mobile phone while fishing up to 200 NM from the coast. It also has features of Geofencing and gives the alerts to the fishermen upon approaching to or crossing the maritime boundary to avoid unintentional transgression.