

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2481
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th December, 2024**

Fisheries Sector Development in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao in Assam

2481. Shri Amarsing Tisso:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to improve the local fishery resources in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Districts of Assam;
- (b) whether special assistance provided to local fishermen to enhance their fishing techniques and increase yield and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether specific programs focused on promoting sustainable aquaculture in these regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme implemented for overall development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in all States/UTs including Assam, *inter-alia*, envisages to address critical gaps in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, reduction of post-harvest losses, traceability etc. For development of fisheries and aquaculture in Assam, the projects with outlay of Rs. 539.63 crore with Central share of Rs. 296.82 crore have been approved during in last 4 years and current financial year i.e. 2024-25 under PMMSY.

As informed by Government of Assam, the activities undertaken for development of fisheries and aquaculture in both the districts of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao in Assam includes construction of new ponds, renovation of existing community ponds, providing of fishing cast nets, drag nets, boats to fishermen, livelihood & nutritional support during fishing ban period etc. In addition to this, to enhance the fishing technique used by the local fishers and to increase their yield, training, awareness and capacity building programmes on scientific fish farming, best management practices have been conducted to promote sustainable fishing and aquaculture in these districts. For development of local fisheries resources pertaining to the Dima Hasao district, the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC) has also approved the financial support for development of fisheries and for improvement of fisheries resources.
