

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2024**

GPS AND FISHERMEN WELFARE

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

- (a) the details of fishing vessels fitted with GPS gadgets, State-wise;
- (b) the details of fuel and other subsidies available for fishermen. State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any central funds or logistical and security assistance to fishermen engaged in fishing activities near international maritime boundaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any central scheme available for reimbursement of fishing vessel cost if they are detained or destroyed by foreign countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of fishermen welfare measures availed by fishermen in Mayiladuthurai parliamentary constituency?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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(a): Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Government of India (GoI) has earmarked funds under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for provision for safety kits which include Global Positioning System (GPS), life-jackets, other life-saving appliances, search & rescue beacons etc. including Distress Alert Transmitters (DATs), Automatic Identification System (AIS), Navigation with Indian Constellation (NAVIC), etc. to fishermen. Under the PMMSY, the funds amounting to Rs. 1678.36 lakh has so far been approved for providing safety kits to fishers as per the proposals received from States and UTs. The state-wise details of the safety kits provided to fishers is at Annexure.

(b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has reported that the prices of diesel in the country are market-determined with effect from 19.10.2014. Since then, the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of diesel. Simultaneously, different mechanisms of providing subsidy/ Tax exemptions or reimbursements to control the diesel prices for fishing communities exists in different coastal States/UTs. Further, it is also reported that effective from 1st March, 2020 the retail selling price of PDS Kerosene is being maintained at nil under-recovery level on pan India basis.

(c): Under the *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana* (PMMSY), the Department of Fisheries, has approved a project on National Rollout Plan for Vessel Communication and Support System including installation of transponders on marine fishing vessels for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance. National Rollout Plan envisages installation of 1,00,000 transponders on mechanized and motorized fishing vessels in 13 coastal states and union territories with an outlay of Rs.364 Crores with support of Indian Space Research Organization(ISRO) and NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) as implementing agency. The transponders are provided to the fishermen free of cost with 60: 40 funding pattern between Centre and States and 100% central share for UTs. While fishing, in case the fishermen crosses the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), the alerts will be given to them to avoid unintentional transgression of IMBL.

(d): At present, there is no existing central scheme available for reimbursement of fishing vessel cost if they are detained or destroyed by foreign countries. However, under PMMSY, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for providing of fishing boats (replacement) and nets for traditional fishermen. Under the PMMSY, the funds amounting to Rs. 25241.90 lakh has so far been approved for providing 6706 fishing boats (replacement) and nets for traditional fishermen as per the proposals received from States and UTs.

(e): As per the information received from Government of Tamil Nadu, 32,207 fishers and fish farmers of Mayiladuthurai parliamentary constituency availed the benefits amounting to Rs. 2156.32 Lakhs under PMMSY during 2022-2025 for different components of the scheme, viz. livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families during the fishing ban/lean period, Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS), Construction of Cold Storages/Ice Plants, Ponds construction and its input subsidy.

Annexure

State-wise details of the financial assistance for providing safety kits for fishermen of Traditional and motorized fishing vessels under Centrally Sponsored Scheme PMMSY (As on 06-12-2024)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States	(2020-25)		
		Physical (No.)	Project Cost	Govt of India Share
1	Karnataka	781	324.36	165.6
2	Lakshadweep	300	300	180
3	Maharashtra	3	3	0.84
4	Puducherry	940	940	399
5	Tamil Nadu	100	100	24
6	West Bengal	11	11	3.6
Total		2135	1678.36	773.04
