

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2024**

Development of Fisheries in the Country

2501. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy:

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

- (a) whether there is a huge potential for the development of fisheries in the country especially in the State of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the National and State Waterways have been identified including wetlands, lakes, etc. across the country including Bihar, district-wise, assessing the livelihood of fishermen on these inland waterways and resources and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to support fishermen through various schemes and grants, if so, the details thereof and funds spent thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a): The country is bestowed with varied potential fisheries and aquaculture resources in the form of Reservoir-31.50 lakh ha, Flood Plain Wetlands-5.64 Lakh ha, Ponds & Tanks-24.10 lakh ha, Brackish water-12.40 lakh ha, Saline/Alkaline affected area-2.47 lakh ha, rivers & canals-1.95 lakh Km, Coastline-8118KM with estimated potential of fish production of 22.31million tonnes. Government of Bihar has reported that State has vast and varied water resources suitable for fisheries development which includes Ponds-112296 ha, Oxbow lakes-9000 ha, Wetland-2.40 lakh ha, Reservoir-64470 ha and Rivers-3200 Km with estimated potential of 12.70lakh tonnes.

(b): As reported by Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Inland Waterways have been identified for shipping and navigation purposes only.

(c): Foreseeing the potential of development of fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been implementing various schemes for holistic development of Fisheries in the country including Bihar. The schemes implemented include; (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries implemented at a total central outlay of Rs 3000 crore for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore implemented for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance, (iii) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers and (iv) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

For development of fisheries and aquaculture in Bihar , the projects with total outlay of Rs. 522.41 Crore including central share of 158.82 Crore have been sanctioned under PMMSY during last four years and Current Financial Year. Besides, a total of 1290 nos of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) have been sanctioned to fishers and fish farmers of Bihar to help them meet their working capital requirements.