

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3469
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th December, 2024**

Conservation of Endangered Fish Species

3469. Shri Basavaraj Bommai:

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

- (a) whether it is true that ICAR has initiated any conservation and livelihood development programmes in Karnataka, particularly focusing on critically endangered fish species in the Cauvery River and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the support and inputs provided to fishers under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and other schemes, including the number of beneficiaries in Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of these initiatives on biodiversity conservation and the livelihoods of fishers in Karnataka and if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether ICAR-NBFGR plans to expand such conservation and livelihood programmes to other rivers and regions in Karnataka; and
- (e) 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) : The Fisheries Research Institutes under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) in Karnataka have developed breeding technology for endangered/vulnerable fish species like *Hypselobarbus pulchellus*, *Hypselobarbus kolus*, *Barbodes carnaticus*, *Labeo kontius* and *Hemibagrus punctatus* from Cauvery River and have assessed habitat characteristics, fish diversity and other biotic communities of the river Cauvery.
- (b) : Fisheries Research Institutes have organized several trainings on different aspects of fisheries and aquaculture for over 1300 stakeholders in Karnataka during the current year under SCSP/TSP programme and supported farmers/fishermen with FRP coracles, fishing nets, fish cages, fish feed, fish seed, FRP boat and OBM engine with other accessories under SCSP/TSP programme.
- (c) : The Government of India has not evaluated the impact on biodiversity conservation programme taken up by ICAR in Karnataka.
- (d) and (e) : It is reported that the ICAR-NBFGR has no plan to expand biodiversity conservation livelihood programme to other rivers and regions in Karnataka.