

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

**LOKSABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3593  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**Schemes to Promote Fish Farming and Dairy Development**

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

(a) whether the Government has launched any schemes to promote fish farming and dairy development in Jalpaiguri district and if so, the details of funds allocated and beneficiaries identified; and

(b) the details of steps being taken to address challenges faced by small-scale dairy farmers and fishers in Jalpaiguri?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
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(a) and (b): To promote fish farming and dairy development in India including Jalpaiguri district, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has implementing taken various schemes/ programmes for holistic development of fisheries and dairying sector such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Fund (FIDF) and a new sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samiridhi Saha Yojana (PM-MKSSY) in fisheries sector and Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) and National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) in dairying sector across the country including Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.

Besides, the projects with a total outlay of Rs. 544.38 crore including central share of Rs. 225.54 crore have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with release of central fund of Rs. 50.76 crore to West Bengal during two years (2022-23 and 2023-24) and current Financial Year (2024-25). The major approved fisheries activities under the aforesaid Scheme include establishment of freshwater finfish hatcheries and brood banks, expansion of aquaculture areas through the construction of rearing and grow-out ponds, stocking of fingerlings in wetlands and reservoirs, development of ornamental fish rearing and breeding units, promotion of recreational fisheries, and establishment of Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) and biofloc units. Additionally, the scheme covers the installation of cages in reservoirs, the establishment of cold storage and ice plants, the setting up of fish feed mills, the construction of fish kiosks, and the provision of post-harvest transport vehicles, including refrigerated vehicles and insulated transport units. Other significant activities involve the development of modern fishing harbours at Petuaghat, Shankarpur, Frasergunj, and Kakdwip, the establishment of fish value-added enterprises, and the implementation of safety kits and diagnostic mobile labs for fishermen. In the District of Jaipalguri, West Bengal, under PMMSY, projects worth of Rs.1518.10 lakh with government assistance of Rs.863.23 lakh have been approved.

National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) aims at creating/ strengthening of infrastructure for quality testing equipment as well as primary chilling facilities for State Cooperative Dairy Federations/ District Cooperative Milk Producers Union/ Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ Milk. Under NPDD scheme, 3 projects have been approved in West Bengal with the total project cost of Rs.4.04 crore lakh with a central share of Rs.3.93 crore and out of this an amount of Rs.3.63 crore has been released till date.

The facilities supported under the schemes for benefit of traditional fishers *inter-alia* include; livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers' families during fishing ban period, insurance cover to fishers and fishing vessels, providing boats and nets to traditional fishermen, training and skill development, providing cold-chain and marketing facilities, promotion of ornamental fish rearing unit, pen culture, procurement of transport vehicles like motor cycle with ice box, cycle with ice box, three wheeler with ice box, fish retail market and fish kiosk. Besides, since 2018-19, the Government has extended facilities of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers to help them to meet their working capital requirements. 1490 KCC cards has been sanctioned to fishers and fish farmers in the state of West Bengal till 15-11-2024.

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