

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

Skill Development Programmes

1189. Mr Pathan Yusuf:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fisheries related training and skill development programmes organized in West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) the number of fish farmers, particularly women, trained in modern fisheries techniques;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to scale up training initiatives to empower local fishermen in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (GoI) is implementing training and capacity building programme of fishers and fish farmers for various activities including application of modern technologies in fisheries and aquaculture under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with 100% central share. National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has been designated as Implementing Agency for training and capacity building of fishers and fish farmers under PMMSY. NFDB has informed that 96 training and skill development programs were conducted in West Bengal and trained 6460 beneficiaries including 2600 women in diverse areas of aquaculture, like Intensive Freshwater Aquaculture, Brackish Water Aquaculture, Coldwater aquaculture, Ornamental Fisheries, Fish Processing and Marketing, Species-Specific Hatchery/Breeding Technologies of various species such as Pangasius, Murrel, Magur, Singhi, Pearl Spot, Tilapia, Scampi, Shrimp and Seabass farming. Further, 300 women participated in one day workshop conducted in ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Institute (ICAR-CIFRI), Barrackpore, Kolkata on application of Drone technology in fisheries and aquaculture.

(c) and (d): The Department of Fisheries, GoI will extend financial support through NFDB to Government of West Bengal and other agencies such as Fisheries Institute of ICAR, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Fisheries Colleges and University and other agencies based on the proposals for training and capacity building programme of fishers and fish farmers of West Bengal including rural fishers, fish farmers, and fisherwomen.