

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025**

Inland Fish Production

1254. Shri Kota Srinivasa Poojary:

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

(a) whether Inland fish production has registered a significant increase with annual average growth rate of 7.90% during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of initiatives for the development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country, including the enhancement of fish production and productivity along with their budgetary allocation?

ANSWER

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

(a): Inland fish production has registered a significant increase with annual average growth rate of 7.33% during last three years from 2021-22 to 2023-24. The inland fish production increased from 121.21 lakh tonne in 2021-22 to 139.07 lakh tonne in 2023-24. Year-wise inland fish production along with annual growth rate during the years 2020-21 to 2023-24 is given below:

Year	Inland fish production (Lakh Tonne)	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
2020-21	112.49	7.78
2021-22	121.21	7.75
2022-23	131.13	8.18
2023-24	139.07	6.06

(b): Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever investment of ₹20050 crore in fisheries and aquaculture sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 in all the States/UTs to address critical gaps in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, reduction of post-harvest losses, traceability etc. Under this scheme, several steps have been taken to enhance fish production and productivity like intensification, area expansion, diversification of fisheries activities, infusion of technologies, fish stock enhancement activities (river and sea ranching), promotion of deep sea fishing, promotion of mariculture including open sea cages, seaweed and bivalve culture, supply of quality seed and feed, promotion of sustainable fishing practices, creation of modern infrastructure, training and skill development, integrated development of reservoirs including promotion of reservoir cages, promotion of fish culture in saline and alkaline area amongst the others. During the last four years and current financial year, projects worth of Rs. 20990.79 crore with Central share of Rs. 8926.33 crore have been approved for the States/UTs and other implementing agencies under PMMSY.

In order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, Fisheries & Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) was launched in the year 2018-19 with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore. This fund offers concessional finance through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and Scheduled Banks, for fisheries related projects. Total 136 proposals with outlay of Rs. 5801.06 crore including Fishing Harbours, Fish Landing Centres and fish processing units etc. have been approved under FIDF.

Additionally, the Government of India with effect from the financial year 2018-19 has extended the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fishers and fish farmers to help them to meet their working capital requirements. A total of 4,50,799 KCCs have been sanctioned to fishers and fish farmers.
