

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2025**

Women Fish Farmers

2920. Dr. Gumma Thanuja Rani:

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

- (a) the number of registered and unregistered fish farmers and number of women fishers in the country;
- (b) the details of women beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for FY 2021-22 and State-wise;
- (c) whether any specific funds are earmarked for women fishers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)**

(a): As per the database, compiled by the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India in consultation with States/UTs Department of Fisheries, total 2,80,63,538 fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders in the country are engaged in fisheries sector comprising of 1,23,97,908 women. Further, for the formalization of fisheries sector by providing work based digital identity to the fishers and other stakeholders in the fisheries sector, National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) has been launched under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Till date, 20,35,969 fish farmers and organizations are registered on NFDP including 7,22,131 women.

(b) to (d): Under the flagship scheme PMMSY of Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, projects with total investment of Rs 3049.92 Crore with central share of Rs 1171.38 Crore have been approved for 57,430 women beneficiaries. During the FY 2021-22, projects with total investment of Rs 647.44 Crore with central share of Rs 244.52 Crore were approved for 8,438 women beneficiaries. The women beneficiaries engage in fisheries activities such as reservoirs cages, fish rearing in freshwater, biofloc ponds and RAS, establishment of feed mills etc. 50% of the women beneficiaries belong to the states of Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The state-wise details of women beneficiaries for FY 2021-22 are furnished as **Annexure-I**. Also, PMMSY scheme is implemented in fisheries and aquaculture sector in all the States/UTs for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 and funds are earmarked for eligible General, SC, ST, women fishers along with the stakeholders engaged in fish production activity.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2920 for answer on 18th March, 2025 put in by Dr. Gumma Thanuja Rani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha). State/UT-wise details of the women beneficiaries under PMMSY for FY 2021-22

States/UTs	Women Beneficiary 2021-22
Andaman & Nicobar	337
Assam	337
Bihar	1274
Chhattisgarh	165
Delhi	3
Goa	49
Gujarat	59
Haryana	95
Jharkhand	373
Karnataka	2155
Kerala	354
Madhya Pradesh	789
Maharashtra	703
Manipur	71
Odisha	963
Tamil Nadu	186
Telangana	125
Tripura	115
Uttar Pradesh	237
Uttarakhand	48
Total	8438