

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3938
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025**

CRCFV Initiative under PMMSY

3938. Shri Captain Brijesh Chowta:

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

- (a) the specific criteria and methodology adopted for selecting villages under the Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV) initiative of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) whether consultations were held with State Governments and local stakeholders before finalization;
- (c) whether it is a fact that no village from Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka has been included under this initiative, despite the district's significant contribution to marine fisheries and coastal livelihoods, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the reasons for this exclusion and whether factors such as marine biodiversity, fisheries-dependent livelihoods and climate vulnerability were considered in the selection process;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to expand the initiative to include more villages in the future, particularly from Dakshina Kannada and if so, the details and timeline for such inclusion; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f) :The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, recognizing the importance of developing the coastal communities, has taken up one of the transformative initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to develop existing 100 coastal fishermen villages situated close to the coastline in all coastal States and Union Territories(UTs) including in Karnataka as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV) and to make them as economically vibrant fishermen villages. The fishermen villages located close to the shorelines are identified for development as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen villages(CRCFV) based on the following broad criteria:

1. Fishermen coastal villages located very close to the high tide line in the order of preference such as;
(i) 0-5 km, (ii) 0-10 km (after saturation of (i) above), (iii) 0-20 km (after saturation of (i) & (ii) above),
2. Fishermen coastal villages with higher population of fishermen in the order of preference such as;
(i) 100% fishermen, (ii) Fishers population of 90-100% (after saturation of (i) above), (iii) Fishers population of 80 to 90% (after saturation of (i) & (ii) above),
3. Fishermen coastal villages having higher units in terms of; (i) fishermen population (ii) number of fishing boats, (iii) fish landings and (iv) allied fisheries based economic activities,
4. Fishermen coastal villages, wherever feasible, taken up under the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) Scheme of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR).

The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has constituted two committees namely (i) Central Committee of Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village, (ii) Central Standing Committee of Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village for implementation of the Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village programme. The fishermen coastal villages are identified after due consultations with the respective State Governments/Union Territories in accordance with the aforementioned broad criteria. The Government of Karnataka has reported that priority was given to the fishermen coastal villages which are selected under the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) projects, and if not available nearby village considered in NICRA were prioritized and hence, no village was selected from Dakshina Kannada District for development as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village under PMMSY. At present there is no proposal for expanding the coverage of Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Village programme beyond the identified 100 coastal fishermen villages.
