

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4044  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**Beneficiaries under PMMSY**

**4044. Shri Manickam Tagore B:  
Shri Vijayakumar Alias Vijay Vasanth:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the financial aid for boat upgrades and replacements reaches the intended beneficiaries, especially in remote and coastal areas where fishermen may lack awareness of these schemes;
- (b) the success of the PMMSY in providing subsidies for safety gear and insurance coverage for fishing vessels and whether there have been any significant challenges in implementing these aspects of the scheme;
- (c) the details of PMMSY includes provisions for livelihood support during fishing bans or lean periods and the specific measures are being taken to ensure that this assistance is timely and reaches all eligible fishermen, especially those from marginalized communities;
- (d) whether the Government ensuring the smooth formation and growth of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) under PMMSY and the steps are being taken to improve the economic standard of fishermen through these organizations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been implementing a flagship scheme the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in all States and Union Territories for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. The PMMSY has been implemented with a plethora of activities including upgradation of existing fishing vessels, insurance, livelihood supports, formation of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs), training and capacity building, awareness creation and outreach activities along with many other beneficiaries oriented and non-beneficiaries-oriented activities. Department of Fisheries through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and in coordination with respective State Fisheries Department has been organizing various outreach programs for creation of awareness and popularizing PMMSY through campaign, awareness programs, workshops to ensure that the financial aid for boat upgrades and replacements and other activities is reached to the intended beneficiaries. To create awareness among the fishermen in remote coastal areas, door to door campaigns were also organized through various programmes such as Sagar Parikrama, Matsya Sampada Jagruthi Aabyanand publicity through various print media, electronic media, digital media and mass media.

The beneficiaries oriented activities under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of PMMSY have been implemented in association with the State Governments and Union Territories (UTs) and the Governmental financial assistance is provided to the eligible beneficiaries through the concerned State Governments and UTs. To bring more efficiency in cash management at both Centre and State levels, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has notified an alternative fund flow mechanism for releasing central funds to the State Governments on "Just-in-Time" basis under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). This new system has been named as SNA-SPARSH wherein the PMMSY has been on boarded and under this new system, fund is directly transferred to beneficiary's account.

The National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad has been implementing the activity of insurance to fishing vessels under PMMSY. The major challenges faced in implementation of this activities include involvement of multiple categories with various dimensions of fishing vessels, acceptability and adoptability of vessels insurance by the beneficiaries, higher premium amount, inadequate response from the insurance companies, collection and compilation base data, arrival of consensus among the stakeholders and State Governments/UTs on the modalities of fishing vessels insurance and arriving at consent on premium rate and sum assured.

(c): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) inter-alia provides Livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families for conservation of fish resources during fishing ban/lean period implemented annually. Under the scheme, the Government assistance of Rs. 3000/- per beneficiary is provided annually and beneficiary contribute of Rs. 1500/- annually. This accumulated amount of Rs. 4500 is released to enrolled beneficiaries during the three months of fishing ban/lean periods. The governmental assistance of Rs, 3,000 is shared between the central and states in the ratio of 50:50 for general State, 80:20 for North Eastern States and Himalayan States while 100% for UTs. During the last four years (2020-21 to 2023-24) and current financial year (2024-25), an average 5.95 lakh fishers annually with a total investment of Rs. 1384.80 crore with central share of Rs. 490.84 crore were provided livelihood and Nutritional support.

(d) and (e) : The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) envisages setting up of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers and enhance their bargaining power. Formation and promotion of FFPOs is supported under the Central Sector Scheme Component of PMMSY with 100% central funding. The support provided primarily include FFPO formation and incubation cost, management cost and equity grant. In addition, one-time registration cost of incorporating FFPOs under Companies Act or registering under Co-operative Societies Act is also provided. Capacity building, training and skill development of the Chief Executive Offices (CEOs)/ Board of Directors (BoDs) and other stakeholders is provided under PMMSY for development of robust FFPOs and for running the business activities successfully on a self-sustainable basis. The capacity building, training and skill development *inter-alia* focus on vertical and horizontal aspects of fisheries value chain with managerial aspects including accounting, value addition, processing, and marketing and transfer of technology and innovations to improve the economic standard of fishermen through formation of FFPOs. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has sanctioned proposals to National Cooperatives Development Corporation (NCDC), Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and NFDB for formation of 195 new FFPOs and strengthening the existing 2000 primary fishermen cooperative societies as FFPOs at a total cost of Rs. 544.86 crore under PMMSY.

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