

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th March, 2025**

Fish Feed and Fish Products

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any targets in the Fish feed and Fish products industries;
- (b) if so, the details of the target fixed during the last five years;
- (c) whether the target have been achieved as fixed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been implementing a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all States and Union Territories for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. To achieve its objectives of enhancing fish production, productivity and strengthening fisheries and aquaculture infrastructure, the PMMSY has been supporting a plethora of activities for expansion, intensification, diversification and productive utilization of land and water, supply of quality inputs, infusion of technology, post-harvest infrastructure, modernisation and strengthening of value chain, traceability, establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers' welfare. During the last four years (2020-21 to 2023-24) and current year(2024-25), the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has accorded approvals to the fisheries developmental proposals of various State Governments Union Territories and other implementation agencies amounting to Rs.20,990.79 crore with central share of Rs.8926.28 crore under the PMMSY.

The key interventions projects/activities approved under this scheme include; 32051 hectares of aquaculture area, 983 hatcheries, 25 Brood Banks and 11 integrated aquaparks. Further, PMMSY supports interventions aimed at technology infusion for intensified fish culture and key projects/activities taken up in this regard include; 12081 Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems(RAS), 4205 biofloc units, 55118 reservoir cages, 1525 open sea cages, 5711 raceways and 560.70 hectares pens in reservoirs. Post-harvest infrastructure taken up under PMMSY include; 58 fishing harbours/fish landing centres, 634 ice plants/cold storages, 21 Modern wholesale fish markets including 2 Smart Wholesale Markets, 202 retail fish markets, 6694 fish kiosks, 27189 units of fish transportation facilities, 128 value add enterprises, 5 E-platform for e-trading & e-marketing of fish and fisheries products. Besides 1117 unit of fish feed mill have been approved under PMMSY to produce fish feed near to farmers field.

In order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has created a dedicated fund namely 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund'(FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7,522.48 crore where interest subvention up to 3% per annum is provided for fisheries infrastructure projects. Under FIDF, 141 projects at a total cost of Rs. 5915.54 crore have been approved to various States/UTs including 22 Fishing Harbours at a total cost of Rs. 4905.77 crore and 24 Fish Landing Centres at a total cost of Rs. 182.20 crore. The Government of India with effect from Financial Year 2018-19 has extended facilities of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to the fishers and fish farmers to meet their working capital requirement. A total of 4,61,246 KCCs have been sanctioned so far to fishers and fish farmers with a loan amount of Rs.2930.87 crore.

The PMMSY, FIDF & KCC during its implementation period has made vital contributions in overall growth of the fisheries and aquaculture especially, (i) increase of annual fish production from 141.64 lakh tonne in 2019-20 to 184.02 lakh tonne in 2023-24, (ii) increase in fisheries export from Rs.46,662.85 crore in 2019-20 to Rs.60,524.89 crore in 2023-24, (iii) enhanced per capita fish consumption from 5-6 kg to 12-13 kg and (iv) enhance aquaculture productivity from 3 tonne/hectare to 4.7 tonne per hectare.
