

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4945
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025**

Small and Marginal Fish Farmers

†4945. Shri Dulu Mahato:

Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat:

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

- (a) the measures taken to ensure that financial assistance provided under Government schemes reaches the small and marginal fish farmers effectively particularly in Jharkhand;
- (b) the impact of subsidies provided under schemes like Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund on income and production level of fish farmers during the last five years;
- (c) whether any new policies are being formulated to boost global competitiveness of India's fisheries sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Government of India is implementing a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India with a total investment of Rs.20050 crore for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 for development of fisheries in all States/Union Territories including Jharkhand. Under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approval for various fisheries developmental activities to the tune of Rs. 415.22 crore with central liability of Rs. 139.50 crore and an amount of Rs.115.70 crore has been released to the Government of Jharkhand for development of Fisheries in the State through PFMS. Further, the funds are transferred to beneficiaries through DBT to ensure that the fund reaches directly in fishers account including the small and marginal fish farmers.

A result of concerted efforts of the Governments through the reforms, policies, schemes mainly PMMSY and FIDF, and efforts of fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders during last five years have contributed significantly 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.

(c) & (d): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India since 2015, have launched various scheme and policy initiatives and substantially stepped-up investments in fisheries sector through schemes worth Rs. 38,572 crore including the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) and Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for holistic development of fisheries sector in the country. To enhance India's global competitiveness in fisheries sector, the PMSSY supports a basket of interventions/activities along the fisheries value chain including quality fish production, expansion, diversification and intensification of brackish water aquaculture, promotion of export-oriented species, infusion of technology, robust disease management and traceability, training and capacity building, creation of modern post-harvest infrastructure with seamless cold chain, development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centres, etc. Further, to strengthen Indian fisheries sector globally, the government is facilitating ease of doing business by amending regulations, streamlining imports and reducing import duties on key aquafeed ingredients, aquaculture inputs, and fish processing ingredients. The country has now attained 1st in Inland Capture Fish production, 1st in Culture Shrimp Export, 2nd in Aquaculture Production, 2nd in Overall Fish Production, 4th in Overall Capture Fish Production, 6th in Marine Capture Fish Production and 6th in Exports of fisheries products.
