

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3734  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**Improvement in Fisheries Sector**

**3734. Shri Kota Srinivasa Poojary:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken initiatives towards holistic development of fisheries sector in all States/UTs in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the fisheries sector in Karnataka;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for enhancing fish production, strengthening of value chain, employment generation, ensuring safety and security of fisheries and ensuring sustainability of the resources in Karnataka; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided to Government of Karnataka towards holistic development of fisheries sector along with funds allocated, disbursed and utilized, year-wise during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has taken up several transformational initiatives for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country including in Karnataka. Some of the key reforms are highlighted below.
- (i) Recognizing the immense potential of the Fisheries Sector and for focused and holistic development of the sector with fishers and fish farmers' welfare at the core, the Government of India created a separate Department of Fisheries in February, 2019 and this was followed up by creation of a new Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in June, 2019.
  - (ii) Highest ever investments in fisheries sector: The Government of India has stepped up investments in fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country. From 2015, the central government has approved schemes with total investments of Rs 38,572 crore and these include; (1) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries implemented for a period of 5 years from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20 and this scheme mobilized an investment of Rs 5000 crore, (2) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) has been implemented with effect from the year 2018-19 with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has been implementing with effect from the FY 2020-21 with an estimated investment of Rs.20,050 crore, (3) Central Sector Sub-scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah Yojana (PMMKSSY) under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs. 6000 crore.

(iii) Additionally, the Government of India with effect from the financial year 2018-19 has extended the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fishers and fish farmers to help them to meet their working capital requirements.

(b) to (d): The fisheries development schemes and programmes implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India primarily aimed to address the critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernisation and strengthening of fisheries value chain, establishing a robust fisheries management framework, skill development and capacity building, creation of employment opportunities, enhancement of income of fishers, fish farmers, welfare of fishers and to provide social security cover to fishers.

During last five years, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has approved fisheries developmental projects of Government of Karnataka amounting to Rs.1058.98 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) covering various fisheries activities for improving the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the State. The major activities approved *inter-alia* include production enhancing activities like establishment of hatcheries, expansion of area for freshwater and brackishwater aquaculture, Biofloc Ponds, Deep Sea Fishing Vessels, Up-gradation of existing Fishing Vessels for export competency, stocking of fingerlings in Reservoirs, Cage Culture in Reservoirs, Seaweed Cultivation, Bivalve Cultivation, Ornamental Fish rearing and breeding, Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems, installation of Artificial Reefs in the coast towards sustainability, extension support systems-Matsya Seva Kendras & Sagar Mitras.

The post-harvest infrastructure approved under PMMSY also including modernization of existing Fishing Harbours, maintenance dredging at the existing fishing harbours/fish landing centres, construction of Ice Plants/Cold Storages, Fish Retail Markets, Fish Kiosks, fish transportation facilities like Refrigerated Vehicles, Insulated Vehicles, Live fish vending centres, Motorcycle with ice boxes, Cycle with ice boxes, Three-wheelers with ice boxes, value added enterprise, Mobile eco-friendly fish kiosk. In addition, communication devices including transponders, providing boats and nets to traditional fishermen, safety-kits to fishers, livelihood and nutritional support to fishers during fishing ban/lean period, insurance coverage have also been approved to Karnataka. Further, as on date a total 14,933 KCC cards have been issued to fishers and fish farmers in Karnataka for fisheries for meeting the short-term credit requirement of fishers and fish farmers.

The details of central financial assistance provided by DoF, GoI under PMMSY to Government of Karnataka along with funds allocated, disbursed and utilized, year-wise during the last five years towards holistic development of fisheries sector are as below:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Financial Year	Total Project Cost	Central funds approved/ allocated	Central funds released	Central funds utilized
2020-21	16423.94	5033.40	6235.30	6235.30
2021-22	23095.59	7136.14	9884.43	9884.43
2022-23	38459.64	13054.31	6608.00	4449.59
2023-24	23204.89	9775.83	2981.36	2981.36
2024-25	4714.09	1614.25	3793.06	3793.06
Total	105898.15	36613.93	29502.15	27343.74

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