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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

Fisheries Infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh

388. SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives being implemented for augmenting fisheries infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY);
- (b) the list of the initiatives on which the Government is working to improve employment opportunities in the fisheries sector in the Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to expand Organic Fish Clusters like Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is supporting fisheries cooperatives and startups in Himachal Pradesh under the PMMSY?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India with effect from the FY2020-21 has been implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with an investment of ₹20,050 crore in all States and Union Territories including in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Under PMMSY, based on project proposals received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh, fisheries development projects amounting to ₹15,450.52 lakh with a central share of ₹7,921.83 lakh have been approved. The initiatives implemented in the State for augmenting fisheries infrastructure include establishment of Biofloc units, Re-circulating Aquaculture Systems (RAS), fish kiosks, ice plants, cold storages, feed mills, trout and carp hatcheries, trout raceways, backyard ornamental units, brood banks, live fish vending centres, and recreational fisheries units, among others. In addition, under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) implemented since 2018-19 with a fund size of ₹7,522.48 crore, a proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh for “*Establishment of a State-of-the-Art Fisheries Training Centre at Gagret, District Una*”, at a cost of ₹5.17 crore has also been approved. The infrastructure, fish culture units and other initiatives implemented in Himachal Pradesh such as pond farming, trout culture in raceways, fish seed production in hatcheries, ornamental fish production, fish transportation facilities like motorcycles and three-wheelers with ice boxes, refrigerated vehicles, cold chain and fish marketing facilities, boats and fishing nets provided to fishermen and recreational fisheries are also attributed towards generation of direct and indirect employment opportunities in the State.

(c): The Government of Himachal Pradesh has reported that the fish culture is primarily undertaken through organic methods in both warm and cold water ecosystems. To promote and strengthen organic and coldwater fisheries in the State, the Government of India has initiated to establish a Coldwater Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Under this initiative, District Kullu has been identified as the Lead District and district Mandi as the Partner District to develop the notified cold water fisheries cluster in accordance with the provisions and guidelines laid down under the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued for clusters development under PMMSY.

(d): The Government of India has been supporting the development and strengthening of fisheries cooperatives in the State of Himachal Pradesh, particularly in the reservoir fisheries sector. The various forms of financial assistance has been provided to the members of fish cooperative societies support for procurement of fishing nets and provision of close season assistance. Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), registered reservoir fishermen are provided with the close season assistance of ₹4,500 per annum, of which ₹2,400 per annum per beneficiary is provided by the Central Government. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has reported that over the last three years (2022–23 to 2024–25), a total of 10,151 beneficiaries have been covered in major reservoirs such as Gobind Sagar, Koldam, Pong Dam, Chamera, and Ranjit Sagar (Thein Dam), with cumulative financial assistance amounting to ₹2.44 crore under PMMSY. In addition, the Government of India, through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), is supporting newly constituted four fisheries cooperative societies in Himachal Pradesh with a total financial assistance of ₹12.00 lakh (₹3.00 lakh per society).
