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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025

Traditional Fishing Community in Kerala

4178. Shri Shafi Parambil:

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

- (a) the details of traditional fishermen registered in the State of Kerala, district-wise;
- (b) the total fund allotted to the State for the welfare of the traditional fishing community; and
- (c) whether the Union Government has initiated any special programmes for the livelihood and income security of the traditional fishing community and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government of Kerala has informed that, as per the list of 2024, a total of 2,26,093 traditional fishermen have been registered under the Kerala Fishermen's Welfare Fund Board. The district-wise details are **Annexed**.

(b) & (c): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India (DoF, GoI) has launched various schemes/programmes for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture including welfare of fishermen community in the country including Kerala. The major schemes include Blue Revolution Scheme (2015-16 to 2019-20), extending Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fisheries (since 2018-19), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) (2018-19 to 2025-26), 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' (PMMSY) (2020-21 to 2024-25), and a new Central Sector Sub-scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) (2023-24 to 2026-27). Enhancing fish production, ensuring sustainability of resources, strengthening of value chain, employment generation, safety & security of fishers and socio-economic wellbeing of fishers and fish farmers have been the core of these initiatives.

The PMMSY implemented by the DoF, Gol *inter-alia* supports various activities towards strengthening of livelihood and income security of the traditional fishers including livelihood support to fishers during fish ban period, support for boats and nets to traditional fishers, providing communication/tracking devices & safety kits towards safety of fishers at sea, support for potential fishing zone (PFZ) devices, group accidental insurance coverage to active fishers, additional and alternate livelihood activities like mariculture including seaweed cultivation, bivalve cultivation, open sea cage culture, ornamental fisheries, fish markets & kiosks, cold chain facilities, live fish vending centres, need based training and skill development programmes etc.

During last five years (2020-21 to 2024-25) under PMMSY, total fund of ₹1347.55 crore has been approved by DoF, Gol to the State Government of Kerala towards implementation of various fisheries projects. The activities approved *inter-alia* include livelihood strengthening activities for traditional fishing communities like Livelihood Support to fishers during Fishing Ban Period (1,71,033 Nos), Replacement of Boats and Nets to traditional fishermen (200 units), alternate livelihood activities like bivalve cultivation (1140 units), retail markets & kiosk (95 units), Ornamental fish rearing and breeding (822 units), ice plants/cold storages(16 units), post-harvest transportation units (468 units), live fish vending centres (77 units), development of Integrated Modern Coastal Fishing Villages (9 Nos), development of Climate Resilient Villages (6 Nos), Extension and Support Services under Matsya Seva Kendras (MSK) (10 units) and Sagar Mitras (222 Nos). In addition, 10,291 Nos of KCC cards has been sanctioned to Kerala in fisheries to meet their short term credit requirement.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 4178 put in by Shri Shafi Parambil, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha for answer on 19th August, 2025 regarding Traditional Fishing Community in Kerala.

Sl. No.	District	Marine Fishermen Registered
1.	Thiruvananthapuram	56,303
2.	Kollam	27,085
3.	Alappuzha	37,225
4.	Kottayam	4,812
5.	Pathanamthitta	219
6.	Idukki	329
7.	Ernakulam	22,810
8.	Thrissur	7,466
9.	Palakkad	604
10.	Malappuram	31,510
11.	Kozhikode	20,703
12.	Wayanad	35
13.	Kannur	6,467
14.	Kasaragod	11,155
Total		2,26,093
