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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4357
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th August, 2025

‘National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen’

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the benefits that reached to the fishermen and their families under the National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen (NSWF) since 2020;
- (b) whether the living conditions and the income of fishermen increased by NSWF since 2020; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, year and State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme ‘Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana’ (PMMSY) since 2020-21 to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector with welfare of fishermen in the focus with in all States/ Union Territories. The scheme inter-alia envisages several welfare related activities for fishers and fish farmers including (i) Group Accidental Insurance Coverage of Rs.5.00 lakh against death or permanent total disability, Rs. 2.50 lakh against permanent partial disability and Rs. 25,000 against accidental hospitalization (ii) livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fishers families for conservation of fish resources during fishing ban/lean period wherein assistance is provided @Rs.3000/- per fishers and beneficiaries’ own contribution of Rs.1500/- for three months during fishing ban/lean period, (iii) installation of transponders on 1,00,000 fishing vessels in all Coastal States and Union Territories with a total outlay of Rs. 364.00 Crore with two-way communication during any emergency while the fishers are at sea, (iv) fishing vessel insurance support, (v) replacement of net and boat as well support for acquisition and upgradation of fishing vessel for deep sea fishing.

Besides, PMMSY also supports the development of fishing harbours, fish landing centres, cold chains, and market infrastructure to reduce post-harvest losses and enhance income, training, skill development, and formation of fisheries cooperatives, Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to empower stakeholders with modern techniques and collective bargaining power. Moreover, PMMSY promotes diversification through seaweed farming, reservoir cage culture, ornamental fisheries, and mariculture, while implementing development of climate resilient coastal fishermen village and model coastal fishing villages for targeted interventions and sustainable resource management to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for coastal fishers communities and enhance their participation in fisheries value chains.

Further, The Department of Fisheries has undertaken a comprehensive review and evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada yojana(PMMSY) through an Independent Agency to assess its impact and outcome including improvement in living conditions and increase in income of fishermen.