

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 25
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

Funds Allocated under PMMSY and AHIDF in West Bengal

*25. Shri Saumitra Khan:

Shri Bhojraj Nag:

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

- (a) the details of the major initiatives undertaken by the Government to promote sustainable fisheries, livestock and dairy development in the country especially in West Bengal;
- (b) the total funds allocated, released and utilized under flagship programmes such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) during the last five years in the country especially in West Bengal; and
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to support modernisation of fisheries infrastructure, cold-chain facilities and fish landing centres to enhance value addition and exports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
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(a) to (c): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *25 for reply on 02.12.2025 put in by Shri Saumitra Khan and Shri Bhojraj Nag, Members of Parliaments regarding 'Funds Allocated under PMMSY and AHIDF in West Bengal'

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D), Government of India (GoI) is implementing various schemes and programmes for holistic development of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying sector in the country including West Bengal namely (i) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), (iii) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), (iv) National Livestock Mission (NLM), (v) Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey Scheme (LC& ISS) (vi) Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (SDCFPO) (vii) Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation (EDEG), (viii) Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP), (ix) National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) and (x) Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF).

During the last five years under PMMSY Scheme, the projects with total outlay of Rs. 21274.13 crore including central share of Rs. 9189.74 crore have been approved for the development of fisheries and aquaculture in the country. For West Bengal an investment target of Rs.910.00 crore with central share of Rs.350.00 crore was envisaged under PMMSY. However, the State Government did not submit any proposal and participate in the PMMSY scheme during the initial two years of implementation i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22 despite several requests at various levels. The State Government commenced participation in PMMSY from 2022-23 onwards by submitting various fisheries developmental proposals, however, even the proposed project proposals were not as per the PMMSY investment targets for West Bengal. Accordingly, the project worth of Rs.545.16 crore with central share of Rs.221.78 crore have been approved. Government of West Bengal has reported that an amount of only Rs.58.51 crore has been utilized which is around 51% of central funds of Rs. 114.07 crore of central share released so far. To review and expedite the grounding and implementation of approved projects under PMMSY to West Bengal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying chaired a review meeting on 2nd August, 2025 at Kolkata, West Bengal with the State Fisheries Department of West Bengal.

Major initiatives taken for development of fisheries and aquaculture in West Bengal under PMMSY include 221nos of New Freshwater Finfish Hatcheries, 53 units of Cold storage/Ice plants, 124 ha Bio-floc ponds, 95 units RAS, 184 nos of Feed mills/plants, 40 units of Fish retail units/ Kiosks, 3 units disease diagnostic mobile labs, one Aquatic Referral Labs, 4 nos Modernization/Up-gradation of existing Fishing Harbours, 7 nos of state of art whole sale fish market and one Integrated modern coastal fishing village at total cost of Rs.242.53 crore. Further, 18 nos fisheries infrastructural projects (3 Private & 15 Govt.) with outlay of Rs. 66.81 crore in West Bengal have been approved under FIDF. Out 18 FIDF projects, only one private project has been completed and remaining 17 are yet to be completed.

In the livestock and dairy sector, West Bengal has been approved 32 projects under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs.508.90 crore with interest subvention support of Rs.13.60 crore released. The projects approved under AHIDF include 8 dairy processing units, 1 meat processing unit, 14 animal feed plants, and 9 breed improvement and multiplication farms. At the national level, 428 projects worth Rs.14,786 crore have been approved under AHIDF with interest subvention of Rs.430 crore released. Under Rashtriya Gokul Mission-Nationwide Artificial Insemination (AI) programme for free of cost delivery at farmers' doorstep to enhance milk production and productivity of bovines including indigenous breeds, during the last five years, ₹97.51 crore has been released to West Bengal, covering 53.68 lakh animals through 85.94 lakh Artificial Insemination dosages and benefiting 34.97 lakh farmers. Further, under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) scheme being implemented across the country including West Bengal since 2014-15, 3 projects worth ₹403.47 lakh with central share of ₹393.47 lakh have been approved and ₹363.16 lakh has been released.

To support modernization of fisheries infrastructure, cold-chain facilities and fish landing centres for value addition and exports, under PMMSY and FIDF, the Department of Fisheries, GoI has approved projects with total outlay of Rs. 11212.08 crore which includes cold storages, ice plants, refrigerated and insulated transport vehicles, fish marketing infrastructure, fish processing plants and development/ modernization of fishing harbours and fish landing centres.

As a result of various well thought policies and initiatives of Government of India, India's seafood exports have more than doubled from ₹30,213 crore in 2013-14 to ₹60,523.89 crore in 2023-24. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) promotes Indian fisheries products through brand promotion and international collaboration, while the Export Inspection Council conducts periodic training programs for stakeholders. The Department of Fisheries, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and other key stakeholders, also holds bilateral meetings with major and emerging seafood export destinations such as the United States, European Union, China, Japan, Russia, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, and South Korea to further boost seafood exports including share of value-added products. To strengthen India's global presence in the seafood sector, the government is enhancing the ease of doing business by amending regulations, streamlining import procedures, and reducing import duties on essential aqua-feed ingredients, aquaculture inputs, and fish processing and value addition ingredients.
