

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2025

Schemes for Fisheries Sector

1499. Shri Manickam Tagore B:

Shri Suresh Kumar Shetkar:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Blue Revolution Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) country's fisheries sector continues to suffer from inadequate infrastructure, low mechanization and limited access to working capital, if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the fund allocation and utilization under (PMMSY) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sub-Yojana (PMMKSSY) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the allocated funds were fully utilized, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Kisan Credit Card facility for fishers and fish farmers has reached the intended beneficiaries, particularly SC/ST and women fishers, if so, the details of beneficiaries covered and if not, the reasons for exclusion;
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the actual impact of Blue Revolution on fisheries productivity and coastal livelihoods, if so, the findings thereof and if not, why no comprehensive evaluation has been conducted; and
- (f) whether the Government has any proposed corrective measures to ensure convergence with Sagarmala, National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) and other schemes for holistic sectoral growth?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying with effect from the financial year 2020-21 has been implementing a flagship scheme "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana" (PMMSY) for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country. PMMSY, *inter alia* aims for creation of modern post-harvest infrastructures such as cold-chain including ice plants, cold storages, fish transportation vehicles, fish market and development & modernisation of Fishing Harbours and fish landing centres. During the last five years (FY2020-21 to FY2024-25), project proposals at a total outlay of Rs.5740.89 crore have been approved for creation of fisheries post harvest infrastructure including Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbours under PMMSY. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has also been supporting the installation of mechanisation facilities at the Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbours and wholesale fish markets to enhance their efficiency, facilitate smooth operations and effective management of such fisheries infrastructure facilities.

Further, in order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, the Union Government of India during 2018-19 has created the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore and so far infrastructure projects worth of Rs.6448.83 crore restricting the project cost for interest subvention at Rs 4330.33 crore have been supported under FIDF. Further, the Government of India with effect from the 2019 has extended the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facilities to fishers and fish farmers to meet their working capital requirements.

(b) and (c): During the last three years (FY2022-23 to FY2024-25) and current year (FY2025-26), a sum of Rs.6002.00 crore has been allocated for implementation of various fisheries developmental schemes namely (i) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) including Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sub-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) and (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) and out of this allocation, so far an amount of Rs.4117.29 crore has been utilised for its release to various State Governments/Union Territories and other implementing agencies. Scheme-wise details of the fund allocated and utilised during the above said period are furnished below:

(Rs in crores)

Sl. No	Scheme	Funds allocated	Funds utilized	Remarks
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1.	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) including PM-MKSSY	5910.00	4047.89	(i) PM-MKSSY is a sub-scheme under Central Sector Scheme Component of PMMSY. Funds utilization under this sub-scheme has commenced w.e.f FY 2024-25.
2.	Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)	92.00	69.40	(ii) FIDF is an interest subvention scheme and Government budget is utilized to meet the interest subvention on the admissible loan provided by the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs). (iii) The main reasons attributed for the gap between allocation and utilization of the budget are; delaying in compliances of the guidelines on fund flow mechanism issued by Government of India, delay in contribution of State share and delay in submission of requisite progress reports and utilization certificates etc.
Total		6002.00	4117.29	

(d): Under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme, Fishers, Fish Farmers (individual & groups/partners/share croppers/ tenant farmers), Self Help Groups, Joint Liability Groups and Women groups who own any fisheries related assets such as pond, tank, open water bodies, raceway, hatchery, rearing units, boats, nets & such other fishing gear, fishing vessels with fishing license are eligible to get the Kisan Credit Cards. Under this scheme, so far, 4.94 lakh Kisan Credit Cards with a loan amount of Rs 3692.73 crore have been issued to fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders.

(e) : A comprehensive evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of Agriculture and allied sectors implemented by various Ministries/Departments in Government of India including PMMSY has been carried out through M/s NABARD Consultancy Services Private Limited by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog. The comprehensive evaluation study while underlining the impact created by PMMSY has recommended its continuation.

(f): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana envisages convergence and linkages with various Central Government schemes including *Sagarmala Programme* of the Ministry of Shipping for fishing harbours/fish landing centers and any other admissible activities and National Rural Livelihoods Mission for admissible activities. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India during the last five years (FY 2020-21 to 2024-25) has taken up 8 fishing harbour projects at a total cost of Rs.1788.34 crore in convergence with Sagarmala Programme.
