

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 280
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd DECEMBER, 2025

Fishery Sector in Tamil Nadu

**280. Dr. T Sumathy Alias Thamizhachi Thangapandian:
Shri Sasikanth Senthil:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes currently being implemented by the Government for the development of the fisheries sector in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the total funds allocated, released and utilised under these schemes during the last three years, year and scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the Government maintains any record of projects and beneficiaries covered in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals from Tamil Nadu for new fishing harbours, cold-chain infrastructure, or aquaculture projects are pending for approval and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether proposals submitted by the Government of Tamil Nadu for upgrading and modernising fishing harbours at Foreshore Estate, Nochikuppam and Thiruvannamiyur under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) have been approved;
- (f) the total amount sanctioned or released so far for projects in South Chennai; and
- (g) whether the Government proposes to enhance assistance for urban coastal livelihood infrastructure in Tamil Nadu, considering recurring flood and cyclone damage?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a) and (b) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (DoF, GoI) is presently implementing the following four schemes for holistic development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu:

- (i) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) implemented with effect from the financial year 2018-19 with a fund size ₹7,522.48 crore,
- (ii) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented with effect from the financial year 2020-21 with an outlay of ₹20,750 crore,
- (iii) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY) implemented with effect from the financial year 2024-25 as a sub-scheme under PMMSY with an allocation of ₹6,000 crore,
- (iv) Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers implemented since 2019 to meet their working capital requirement.

The Department of Fisheries, Government of India during the last 3 financial year (FY2022-23 to FY2024-25) has accorded approvals to 61 project proposals of Government of Tamil Nadu at total cost of Rs 321.48 crore with central share of Rs 101.09 crore under PMMSY. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has also approved another 33 fisheries infrastructure proposals at a total cost of Rs 289.65 crore under FIDF. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has in September, 2024 launched a National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY). Implementation PM-MKSSY has commenced with effect from the FY 2024-25 and till date more than 1.51 lakh people from State of Tamil Nadu have registered on NFDP. Under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, 2,56,437 KCC cards to the fishers and fish farmers of Tamil Nadu have been approved. The scheme-wise and year-wise details of the projects proposals approved, especially under PMMSY, FIDF and PM-MKSSY are furnished at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that the beneficiary and non-beneficiary-wise data of the approved projects under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) are regularly being updated in the MIS Portal of PMMSY and the district-wise beneficiaries details of Tamil Nadu are also maintained in the State.

(d) and (e) : The Government of Tamil Nadu during FY2025-26 has submitted 38 new Fisheries Infrastructure proposals for construction/up-gradation of fish landing centres under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF). The Government of Tamil Nadu has further informed that project proposal for establishment of Fish Landing Centre at Nochikuppam in Thiruvallur District at an amount of Rs.6.32 crore has also been proposed under FIDF. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been advised to upload the proposals in complete form in the FIDF Portal.

(f): The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that Loop Road Fish Market has been constructed at Nochikuupam, a key coastal livelihood centre located along the Marina stretch, serving as an important marketplace for the traditional fishing community. It is further reported that the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has provided 100% financial assistance for construction of fish market at Neelankarai.

(g): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India during last three years has accorded approvals to 94 fisheries infrastructure projects including fishing harbours and landing centres, amounting to Rs. 611.13 crore under the PMMSY and FIDF. In addition, 16 existing coastal fishermen villages have also been taken up for development as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFVs) at a total cost of Rs. 32 crore in the state of Tamil Nadu. The CRCFVs *inter alia* envisages creation of social infrastructure-community halls, disaster resilience, cyclone / Tsunami shelters, Disaster resilient houses, road connectivity, landscaping & Green Belt Development, etc. The fishing harbours and fish landing centres supported under the schemes also acting as shelter to the coastal fishermen communities to protect their lives and assets during natural calamities such as flood, cyclone etc. The DoF, Gol has been continuing these flagship schemes to provide the governmental assistance for creation of fisheries infrastructure to the needy States and UTs, including Government of Tamil Nadu. The climate resilient activities like Artificial Reef, open sea cage culture, seaweed cultivation, ornamental fisheries have also been supported under these flagship schemes to create alternative or additional livelihood opportunities to coastal fishers. In addition, support is also extended to the traditional fishers for procurement of technologically advanced deep-sea fishing vessels and upgradation of existing vessels to diversify the fishing activities and harness the deep-sea resources in a sustainable and equitable manner.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 280 regarding "Fishery Sector in Tamil Nadu" put in by Dr. T Sumathy Alias Thamizhachi Thangapandian and Shri Sasikanth Senthil, Hon'ble Members of Parliament for answer on 2nd December, 2025: Year-wise scheme-wise details of the fisheries development projects approved for Tamil Nadu State during last 3 years

1. Pradhan Mantri MatsyaSampadaYojana (PMMSY)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No	Year	Total no. of Projects	Total Gol share sanctioned	Total Gol share released	Total Gol share utilized
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
1.	2022-23	26	20779.81	6663.81	13807.38
2.	2023-24	23	4377.10	1585.57	3158.95
3.	2024-25	12	6991.05	1859.53	4239.77
Total		61	32147.96	10108.91	21206.10

2. Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No	Year	Number of Projects	Total cost of the project	Project cost admissible for interest subvention	Loan Approval the NABARD	
					Sanctioned	Disbursed
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)
1.	2022-23	32	23045	23045	5690	5175
2.	2023-24	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	2024-25	1	5920	2428	0.00	0.00
Total		33	28965	25473	5690	5175

3. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)

S.No	Year	NFDP Registrations Approved	Credit lead applications	Aquaculture Insurance lead applications
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
1.	2022-23	--	--	--
2.	2023-24	--	--	--
3.	2024-25	1,51,166	5197	391
Total				
