

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

Fish Farmer Producer Organizations

436. Smt. Sajda Ahmed:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to form fish farmer producer organizations to ensure financial support and inclusive growth of genuine fishing communities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the budgetary allocation made/funds disbursed under the Matsya Shakti Project, State- wise;
- (c) the details of such fish farmer producer organizations formed in the country including in West Bengal; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for strengthening fisheries-based entrepreneurship in West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

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(a): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) *inter-alia* provides financial assistance for setting up of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to economically empower the fishers and fish farmers and enhance their bargaining power. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the last five years (FY2020-21 to FY 2024-25) has approved projects worth of Rs.544.86 crore for formation of 2195 FFPOs in the country including 41 FFPOs in the State of West Bengal. This project is implemented through central agencies namely the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). It is reported that so far a total 1990 Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) have been formed in the country including 41 FFPOs in the State of West Bengal.

(b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has informed that under the flagship scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS), the Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR), Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI) has been allocated a target for training 690 beneficiaries. The targeted 690 beneficiaries includes training to 270 in non-traditional fisheries-based skills such as 90 in Fish Hatchery Production, 180 in Cage Culture Fish Farming and 420 women are targeted for leadership and entrepreneurship development programmes, aimed at enabling them to establish and manage their own enterprises. It is also reported that with a total project outlay of approximately ₹56 lakh, this initiative stands as a strategic investment in the long-term empowerment, livelihood resilience, and socioeconomic advancement of coastal minority communities.

(c): The State-wise details of the Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) formed in the country including in the State of West Bengal under PMMSY are furnished at Annexure-I

(d): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana(PMMSY) inter-alia emphasizes for strengthening of fisheries based entrepreneurship and provides financial assistance to fishers, fish farmers and entrepreneurs for taking up various fisheries, aquaculture and post-harvest related activities. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has so far accorded approval to the proposals of Government of West Bengal for development of fisheries and aquaculture including post-harvest infrastructure at a total cost of Rs.546.58 crore with a central share of Rs.226.86 crore under PMMSY. The key activities approved under above said projects include establishment of fish hatcheries, construction of biofloc ponds, ornamental fish rearing units, establishment of Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems, fish feed mills, ice plants/cold storages, refrigerated/insulated vehicles, establishment of wholesale fish markets, modernization/up-gradation of existing fishing harbours in the State.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 436 for answer on 2nd December, 2025 regarding Fish Farmer Producer Organizations - State-wise details of the Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) formed under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) during the last five years (FY2020-21 to FY2024-25)

S.No.	Name of State/UTs	Number of FFPOs formed
1	Madhya Pradesh	107
2	Jharkhand	28
3	Odisha	30
4	Uttar Pradesh	75
5	Maharashtra	196
6	Jammu & Kashmir	2
7	Himachal Pradesh	18
8	Ladakh	1
9	Chhattisgarh	56
10	Gujarat	95
11	Daman and Diu	2
12	Bihar	48
13	Manipur	148
14	Meghalaya	9
15	Assam	176
16	Mizoram	18
17	Tripura	122
18	Telangana	245
19	Andhra Pradesh	176
20	Tamil Nadu	113
21	Uttarakhand	32
22	West Bengal	41
23	Kerala	127
24	Karnataka	64
25	Haryana	2
26	Rajasthan	10
27	Nagaland	43
28	Goa	3
29	Puducherry	1
30	Arunachal Pradesh	2
	Total	1990
