

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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INTEGRATED FISH MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of *FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES* be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement integrated fish marketing infrastructure, cold chain networks and fishing net manufacturing units in Kerala;
- (b) the status of any ongoing and sanctioned projects, funds released and progress achieved under the relevant schemes of the Ministry; and
- (c) the specific steps taken or proposed to be taken to strengthen value addition, processing facilities and export competitiveness of fish and fishery products from Kerala including incentives, modernisation of processing units, promotion of ready-to-cook/eat products, market linkages and any special package or assistance extended to the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a) to (c): As informed by Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, it has been supporting Kerala for development of fisheries sector through various schemes/initiatives namely Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), extending Kisan Credit Cards to fisheries etc.

The schemes inter-alia envisage interventions towards enhancing fish production, strengthening infrastructure, cold chain facilities, climate resilience, sustainability, strengthening the institutional credit systems, strengthening livelihood, creating employment etc. With these efforts the fish production of Kerala has increased from 6.80 lakh tonne in 2019-20 to 9.27 lakh tonne during 2024-25.

During FY 2020-21 to 2025-26, projects amounting to a total cost of ₹1418.51 crore have been approved for Kerala under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). The activities approved *inter-alia* include infrastructure and cold chain facilities like expansion and modernization of major fishing harbours, maintenance dredging at key harbours, development of integrated modern coastal fishing villages, climate-resilient villages, installation of artificial reef units, cold chain facilities like iceplants/cold storages, State of art wholesale fish markets, live fish vending centres, retail markets, fish kiosks, value-added enterprises and transport vehicles.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has also been incentivizing setting up/ expansion of food processing infrastructure, including fish processing units through its two Central Sector Scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and a Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. These schemes are not region or state specific but demand driven and are implemented across the country including all districts of Kerala.

As on 31.12.2025, MoFPI has approved 5 fish/marine processing projects with approved grants in aid of Rs 30.65 crores under component schemes of PMKSY and 69 fish/marine processing micro food enterprises have been sanctioned with approved subsidy of Rs. 1.68 crore under the PMFME Scheme, in the state of Kerala.
