

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2026

Fisheries Development in Himachal Pradesh

5225. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur:

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

- (a) the data on annual fish production, fish seed production and total funds released under Centrally sponsored, central Sector Schemes, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for the fisheries sector in Himachal Pradesh, year-wise since 2021-22;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that Gobind sagar Reservoir at Bhakra Dam and Maharana Pratap Sagar Reservoir or Pong Dam Lake in Himachal Pradesh possess considerable untapped potential for extensive fishing, cage culture and commercial aquaculture activities benefitting local fisher communities;
- (c) if so, the steps taken or to be taken by the Government to promote, develop, and expand fishing activities, landing infrastructure, and livelihoods of fisher communities in these two major reservoirs;
- (d) the total funds allocated and utilised for the integrated development of reservoirs under the Blue Revolution Scheme, reservoir and State-wise; and
- (e) the projected fish production targets and timeline envisaged by the Government for fully harnessing the fishing and aquaculture potential of reservoirs?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India since FY 2020-21 is implementing the flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) across all States and Union Territories including in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India since inception of PMMSY has accorded approvals to the fisheries development projects of Government of Himachal Pradesh worth ₹15,548.08 lakh with a central share of ₹7,947.31 lakh under the PMMSY. In addition, under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund(FIDF), a proposal for establishment of a State-of-the-Art Fisheries Training Centre at Gagret, District Una at a cost of ₹5.17 crore has also been approved. It is reported that the State of Himachal Pradesh has witnessed a steady increase in fish production, mainly due to expansion of trout farming in high-altitude regions and carp farming in reservoir belts. The annual fish production, fish seed production, and funds released under CSS, CS components, and NFDB since 2021-22 as reported by the Government of Himachal Pradesh are furnished below:

Financial Year	Fish Production (MT)	Carp Seed (Spawn in lakhs)	Trout Seed (Eyed Ova in lakhs)	CSS – PMMSY (₹ in lakh)	CS – PMMSY (₹ in lakh)	NFDB (₹ in lakh)
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)
2021–22	16,015.81	702.21	50.00	1,264.82	25.70	33.18
2022–23	17,026.09	671.31	42.00	1,309.62	0.00	29.30
2023–24	17,721.64	629.49	54.00	562.43	0.00	8.18
2024–25	19,019.83	773.56	60.00	1,476.25	25.70	69.03
2025–26 (up to February 2026)	16,861.06	430.70	30.00	0.00	0.00	8.48

(b) to (e): Yes, Sir. In order to harness the potential of Gobind Sagar, Maharana Pratap Sagar Reservoirs in a sustainable manner, Governmental assistance is provided under the fisheries development schemes for promotion of capture fisheries through cooperatives and promotion of cultured based fisheries. To promote commercial Pangasius culture, a total 48 cages (24 in each reservoir) have been installed, and to promote and expand fishing activities, 15 landing centres in Pong Dam and 8 landing centres in Gobind Sagar have been established. The Governmental assistance is also provided for procurement of boats and nets to 697 fishermen, while 9208 fishermen in the State are provided with close season assistance in the last three years. In addition, insurance cover of ₹5.00 lakh (death/permanent disability) and ₹2.50 lakh (partial disability) is extended to the fishers, fingerling stocking, cage culture, and closed season are also implemented to sustain fisheries resources.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh further reported that under the Blue Revolution scheme implemented during FY2015-16 to 2019-20, Himachal Pradesh received the Central share of ₹3727.47 lakh and this central share was fully utilised. It is reported that supporting seed stocking, development of hatcheries, cage culture, landing centres, and ice plants, funds were allocated for reservoir fisheries development, including ₹126.40 lakh for Gobind Sagar, ₹171.20 lakh for Kol Dam and ₹160.00 lakh for Pong Dam. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has reported that the projected fish production target of 600 metric tonne annually is set for each of Gobind Sagar and Maharana Pratap Sagar reservoirs for the next five years through integrated stocking and conservation measures.
