

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION. No. † 543
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2026**

Fish Production

† 543. Shri Ganesh Singh:

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

- (a) the total increase in the fish production in the country along with the total production at present and the progress made in fish exports and fish farmers' income since 2014;
- (b) whether the Government has launched any specific scheme, mission, or pilot project to promote seaweed cultivation and increase production capacity;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposals to promote research, investment, or production in global caviar market given its rapid growth; and
- (d) whether there are any proposals under consideration by the Government to establish fisheries, fish seed production, and pearl farming clusters and to link them to livelihoods, exports and value addition in the State of Madhya Pradesh, especially in Satna and Vindhya Regions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

- (a) : The annual fish production in the country during last 10 years has increased from 102.60 lakh tonne in 2014-15 to an all-time record fish production of 197.75 lakh tonne in 2024-25. This includes increase of marine fish production from 35.69 lakh tonne in 2014-15 to 46.15 lakh tonne in 2024-25 and the inland fish production from 66.91 lakh tonne in 2014-15 to 151.60 lakh tonne in 2024-25. Similarly, the fisheries exports value has increased from Rs.33,441.61 crore in 2014-15 to Rs.62,408.45 crore in 2024-25.

(b): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying interalia focuses for the development of seaweed cultivation. Under the PMMSY, during the last 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25), the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approvals to the projects worth ₹195 crore for seaweed cultivation and allied activities aiming towards increasing seaweed production in the country. The approved projects consisted of installation of rafts & monolines, establishment of a Multipurpose Seaweed Park in Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.127.71 crore and the Seaweed Seed Bank in U.T. of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu at a total cost of Rs.1.20 crore. In addition, to facilitate Research and Development (R&D) including training, assessment of feasibility, capacity building in seaweed cultivation, projects worth Rs. 7.21 crore have also been approved under the Central Sector (CS) Component of PMMSY with 100% Central financial assistance to Fisheries R&D Institutes.

(c): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India is implementing various schemes and policies to promote research, investments and production in fisheries sector. Consequent to such initiatives, India's seafood exports has significantly increased during the last 10 years. Other significant achievements during the said period for expansion of export markets include (i) export destinations increased from 100 to 130 countries, (ii) the number of exporters rose from 1,196 to 1,276, (iii) value-added product exports tripled to ₹7,666.38 crore and (iv) processing capacity expanded from 25,707 MT/day to 38,466 MT/day

(d): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying also supports for development of broodbanks, hatcheries for supply of quality fish seed to the fish farmers. During the last five years, 30 brood banks and 986 fish hatcheries have been supported under PMMSY. Besides, PMMSY also supports for pearl farming and cluster based developments. The Department of Fisheries, GoI has notified (i) pearl cluster in Hazaribagh District of Jharkhand and (ii) reservoir fisheries cluster in Halali Dam, Madhya Pradesh. The fisheries development initiatives including cluster based approach are contributing towards creation of alternative livelihood support, value addition and enhancement of fish production, productivity and exports.
