

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 562
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd FEBRUARY, 2026

National Fisheries Development Board

562. Shri Tatkare Sunil Dattatreya:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) for promotion of fisheries in the Country ;
- (b) the training and capacity programs being undertaken by the Board in this regard;
- (c) the assistance provided to Fishery Institutes by the board in this regard;
- (d) the progress achieved and benefits under the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP)-Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Smridhi Sub-Yojana (PMMKSSY);
- (e) the initiatives taken by the Government for development of climate resilient fishermen villages around rivers; and
- (f) the role of Matsya Seva Kendras (MSKs) in training fish farmers and promoting technological advancements?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has undertaken a wide range of initiatives for promotion of fisheries in the country under various Government of India schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) and Kisan Credit Card (KCC). These include appraisal and recommendation of project proposals, monitoring of sanctioned projects, handholding support to States/UTs for preparation of proposals/State Action Plan plans and updating the Management Information System of PMMSY. NFDB also implements key interventions such as the Entrepreneur Model, Insurance schemes (including Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS), Aqua Crop Insurance and Fishing Vessel Insurance), and formation/strengthening of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations/Companies etc. Further, NFDB also serves as the nodal agency for River Ranching, Sea Ranching Innovation and Innovative projects, Pilot Projects on Technology Demonstration and Capacity Building programmes. Further, NFDB also facilitates the formation/strengthening of fisheries cooperatives, development of fisheries clusters, and outreach/awareness programmes in coordination with States/UTs.

(b): NFDB supports training & capacity building in collaboration with States/UTs and Central/State academic, training & research Institutions, including Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes, Universities/Colleges, Fisheries Research Stations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Aqua One Centers (AOCs) and empanelled firms/agencies. As on date, 3,12,717 participants (including fishers, fish farmers, youth and SCSP beneficiaries) have been covered. Further, a national training, capacity building and exposure visit calendar has been developed through convergence between ICAR, NFDB and allied organizations to promote modern, sustainable and outcome-oriented fisheries practices. The calendar was released on 10th July 2025 on National Fish Farmers Day.

(c): NFDB supported training programmes and exposure visit to ICAR Fisheries institutes for officials/representatives of Fisheries Departments of States/UTs. In this regard, a total of 129 programs have been approved with a financial outlay of ₹. 122.55 Lakh, benefitting 1290 beneficiaries. Further, NFDB has also targeted to accomplish the training programme calendar as per the approved plan/targets, details are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(d): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has launched the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) under PM-MKSSY on 11.09.2024 to formalize the Fisheries and aquaculture sector through creation of work-based digital identity and stakeholder database. NFDP serves as “one-stop” solution for access to institutional credit, strengthening fisheries co-operatives, incentivizing aquaculture insurance, performance-based incentives, fisheries traceability systems and training/capacity building. Till date, 29.61 lakh fishers, fish farmers and other stakeholders have registered on NFDP. A total of 2786 primary fisheries cooperatives have been approved for strengthening at a cost of Rs. 52.93 crore. Under Aquaculture Insurance, Insurance policies for 491.30 hectare has been covered against which 29 beneficiaries covering 98.56 hectare have availed the One-Time Incentive (OTI). Further, under the credit Module, 327 loans have been sanctioned by the Banks with loan amount of Rs. 15.52 crore.

(e): The PMMSY has supported development of 100 coastal fishermen villages as Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV), covering states and Union Territories, funded 100% under the Central Sector Scheme (CS) component of PMMSY, with a unit cost of ₹2 crore per village for essential fisheries-related facilities. This initiatives aim to create sustainable economic and livelihood opportunities, develop fisheries infrastructure, promote eco-friendly practices, ensure safety and security for fishermen, and improve their quality of life towards enhancing climate resilience and economic vibrancy of these villages. The criteria for selection of the village includes nearness to the coastline, including the river/lake mouths. Villages located within 0-5 km from the shoreline are prioritized for selection followed by that within 0-10 km (after saturation of 0-5 km) and 0-20 km (after saturation of 0-10 km).

(f): Matsya Seva Kendra are extension service centre supported under PMMSY to serve as one-stop solution centre for providing extension and support services including technical, advisory and capacity building to fishers and fish farmers in the locality.

ANNEXURE-I

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 562 put in by Shri Tatkare Sunil Dattatreya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha for answer on 03rd February, 2026 regarding the training and capacity programs being undertaken by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to Fisheries Institutes.

Organization	Type of Program	Year	No. of Programs	No. of beneficiaries
ICAR	Capacity Building Programme	2025-27	295	-
ICAR-ATARI	NFDB Sponsored Farmer Training Program	2025-27	160	4675
ASCI	NFDB Sponsored SC and ST RPL	2025-27	173	5200
State Fisheries Department	NFDB Sponsored SC and ST RPL	2025-27	69	4650
State Fisheries Department	NFDB Sponsored SC Fishers and Fish Farmers one day	2025-27	53	3000
ICAR	NFDB Sponsored Farmer Exposure Visit	2025-27	144	1440
CIFNET	-	2025-26	49	1800
FSI	-	2025-26	24	1200
NIFPHATT	-	2025-26	43	1002
CICEF	-	2025-26	1	70
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