

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3765
ANSWERED ON 11/08/2026

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PMMSY

3765. SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of prolonged rough sea conditions, climate variability and marine pollution on fish landings and the incomes of fishermen in Andhra Pradesh, particularly at Visakhapatnam and other major fishing harbours;

(b) the details of financial assistance, subsidised diesel support, insurance claim settlements and other relief measures sanctioned and disbursed under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and other Central schemes during the last three years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the adequacy of such assistance in offsetting operational losses incurred by fishermen and mechanised boat operators due to prolonged weather-induced fishing disruptions; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce a dedicated compensation or income-support mechanism for fishermen affected by prolonged weather-induced fishing disruptions and declining fish catch and the timeline fixed by the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI) undertakes continuous monitoring of fish landings, conducts focused biological research, and tracks coastal ecosystem health through real-time surveys across coastal States/UTs, including in Andhra Pradesh. The Fishery Survey of India (FSI) similarly conducts systematic exploratory surveys in the EEZ, generating baseline data on demersal and oceanic stocks to support assessments of impacts from fishing pressure, climate variability, pollution, and habitat degradation. Available scientific evidence from these institutions indicates that while environmental stressors affect the distribution, abundance, and seasonal availability of certain species, no direct and conclusive impact on overall marine fish production has been established solely due to climate variability and marine pollution. Further, as per the *Marine Fish Stock Status of India (2022)* of ICAR-CMFRI, 91.1% of the 135 assessed marine fish stocks in the Indian EEZ are at sustainable levels.

(b) and (c) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, has been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) across all States and Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh, since 2020–21. Under PMMSY, proposals amounting to ₹21,461.03 crore, with a Central share of ₹9,571.09 crore, have been approved for all States/UTs. For Andhra Pradesh, proposals of ₹2,328.89 crore, including a Central share of ₹681.38 crore, have been sanctioned. PMMSY also supports long-term resource enhancement measures such as installation of Artificial Reefs and Sea Ranching to improve fish availability and strengthen fishers' livelihoods. Under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), 253 projects have been approved at a total cost of ₹6,657.57 crore, with ₹4,979.04 crore considered for interest subvention, for various States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh.

The Department implements the Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS) under PMMSY through the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB). During 2021-22 to 2026-27, the Central Government released ₹130.68 crore to provide insurance coverage to 167.64 lakh fishers, averaging 33.52 lakh fishers per year. State-wise details of fishers insured and claims settled are at **Annexure-I**. Additionally, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported provision of ₹150.00 crore as diesel subsidy to 63,840 beneficiaries during 2023-24 to 2025-26. Further, ₹511.46 crore has been provided to 2,55,731 marine fishers during the fishing ban period in 2025-26 and 2026-27.

(d) Under the PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India provides livelihood and nutritional support to socio-economically backward active traditional fishers' families during the fishing ban and lean season, with the objective of conserving fish resources. Further, to augment fish stocks in coastal waters, the Department is working closely with State Governments on a range of resource-enhancement measures, including establishment of artificial reefs along the coastline, conduct of sea ranching, and implementation of a uniform, annual fishing closure during the critical fish breeding period.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3765 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11TH AUGUST, 2026 PUT IN BY SHRI SRIBHARAT MATHUKUMILLI REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PMMSY:

(Rs in Actuals)

SI No .	Name Of States	No of Fishers Insured	Claims Settled	Amount Settled
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(vii)	(viii)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	4,173	0	0
2	Assam	8,83,630	4	15,23,746
3	Bihar	7,50,000	3	15,00,000
4	Chhattisgarh	11,02,377	12	57,50,000
5	Goa	14,540	1	5,00,000
6	Gujarat	4,91,237	10	50,00,000
7	Haryana	8,076	0	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	54,988	6	25,75,000
9	Jharkhand	8,36,991	4	20,00,000
10	Karnataka	3,62,371	21	1,05,00,000
11	Madhya Pradesh	5,04,264	1	5,00,000
12	Maharashtra	5,25,519	25	1,25,00,000
13	Manipur	8,534	1	5,00,000
14	Meghalaya	4,280	0	0
15	Odisha	53,91,593	102	4,70,14,059
16	Punjab	15,959	0	0
17	Rajasthan	24,426	2	10,00,000
18	Sikkim	2,905	0	0
19	Tamil Nadu	27,81,317	591	28,13,16,727
20	Telangana	18,53,832	948	47,03,89,005
21	Tripura	1,81,724	0	0
22	Uttar Pradesh	5,19,570	5	20,21,385
23	Uttarakhand	18,115	0	0
24	West Bengal	8,499	0	0
	TOTAL	1,63,48,920	1,736	84,45,89,922
UNION TERRITORIES				
1	Andaman & Nicobar	65,087	3	15,00,000
2	Delhi	1,881	0	0
3	Daman & Diu	38,267	0	0
4	Jammu & Kashmir	1,25,309	5	25,00,000
5	Lakshadweep	11,142	2	5,18,224
6	Ladakh	2,674	0	0
7	Puducherry	1,71,456	28	1,25,75,000
	TOTAL	4,15,816	38	1,70,93,224
	Grand Total	1,67,64,736	1,774	86,16,83,146
