

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2021

Plan to sustain marine fisheries

2149 SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether Government has chalked out any action plan for sustaining the marine fisheries sector and increasing the seafood exports, particularly in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to allocate additional funds to Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for export promotion under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana(PMMSY); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya SampadaYojana (PMMSY)- A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with highest ever estimated investment of Rs, 20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories(UTs) including the State of Maharashtra. PMMSY primarily aims to harness the potential of fisheries sector in a sustainable and responsible manner and major activities supported towards sustaining the marine capture fisheries include promotion of sustainable and eco-friendly fishing methods and practices, promotion sea/ocean ranching, diversification of fisheries activities, providing need-based support to States/UTs for formulation and implementation of fisheries management plans, support for creation of post harvest infrastructure facilities for preservation of fish quality with a view to reduce post harvest losses, marketing, cold chain facilities and activities on enhancement of fisheries export competitiveness. Under PMMSY, assistance is also provided for promotion of deep sea fishing, installation of Bio toilets onboard the fishing vessels for maintaining hygiene, prevention of pollution of sea and oceans.

One of the objectives of the PMMSY scheme is to enhance fisheries export to Rs. 1.00 lakh crore by 2024-25. Towards this end, the scheme supports development of fishing harbour and fish landing centres with modern infrastructure, development of brackish water aquaculture, species diversification, value addition, Disease monitoring and surveillances, certification, accreditation, traceability and labeling, branding of fish and fish products, training and capacity building etc. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India during the financial year 2020-21 has accorded approvals to the fisheries development proposal of Government of Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs. 174.84 crore involving central outlay of Rs 60.63 crore under the PMMSY. Some of the approved activities would help in sustaining the marine fisheries sector and increasing seafood export.

(c) and (d): Under the Central Sector component of PMMSY, the Central Government entities including Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) are entitled to avail funding support for implementation of permissible activities for sustainable development of fisheries and enhancement of fisheries export competitiveness.
