

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022

Aquatic Quarantine Facility

420. Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether Ministry has planned to set up world-class Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF) and Broodstock Multiplication Centre (BMC) with an estimated cost of Rs. 168 crores at Nakkapalli in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the project;
- (d) by when the project planned will be completed;
- (e) whether there is time and cost overrun in the project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Based on the proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has accorded approval for establishment for an Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF) for *Litopenaeus vannamei* at Bangarammapeta Village, Nakkapalli Mandal in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh to be set up by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with its own funds and to be fully owned, managed and operated by it. Similarly, on the application of Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA), this Ministry has also accorded 'in principle' approval for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and such other related preliminary activities towards establishment of SPF Broodstock Multiplication Centre (BMC) at Bangarammapeta Village, Nakkapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh for production of 1,00,000 SPF *L. vannamei* per annum by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA), MPEDA on behalf of Government of Andhra Pradesh with the condition that no funding will be extended from the Department (then Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries).

(c) & (d): As regards the AQF, Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that they have signed an agreement with MPEDA-RGCA to extend technical support and that they have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited (WAPCOS) to provide project management consultancy services (technical services, inviting tenders, award of works and post award supervision) for establishment of AQF on turn-key basis and that 30.00 acre of land has been alienated in Bangarammapeta Village, Nakkapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. Government of Andhra Pradesh has further reported that DPR has been prepared with an estimated project cost of Rs. 36.551 crore, that funds of Rs. 24.38 crore has been sanctioned under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and that estimated period for completion of work is 23 months.

As regards BMC, MPEDA has stated that they have approached the Government of Andhra Pradesh for provision of land adjacent to the proposed AQF site and for selection of supplier of germplasm and that once it is done, they will be able to prepare the DPR for the project. MPEDA has further stated that progress could not be made because of Covid pandemic situation

(e) & (f): Does not arise.
