

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2023

Establishment of fishing industries in Maharashtra

2829. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the details of assistance provided by Government for establishment of new fishing industries in Maharashtra during the last three years and current year, company-wise;
- (b) whether there are any proposals pending for establishment of new fishing industries in Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the dates by which such industries are likely to be commissioned?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing various schemes for development of fisheries in all States/Union Territories including in the State of Maharashtra. The schemes implemented include; (i) flagship scheme “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)- A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India” with an investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of five years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to 2024-25, (ii) Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore implemented for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance, (iii) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers.

PMMSY is designed to address critical gaps in fish production and productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, traceability, establishing a robust fisheries management framework and fishers’ welfare.

PMMSY *inter-alia* provides financial support for procurement of boats for better catch, nets, communication and tracking devices & safety kits to ensure safety of fishermen while at sea, construction of ponds, tanks, hatcheries and necessary inputs for undertaking fish farming, post-harvest and cold chain facilities, fish transport, fisheries infrastructure, fish market, value added enterprise units and such other activities to improve value realization to fishers.

During last two years i.e., 2020-21 & 2021-22 and current financial year 2022-23 Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approval to the fisheries developmental proposals of Government of Maharashtra at a total cost of Rs. 772.24 crore with central share of Rs. 298.43 crore under PMMSY for development of fisheries in Maharashtra. The approved activities also include ice plants/cold storages, value added enterprise units, fish transportation facilities, fish retail markets, fish kiosks, deep sea fishing vessels, up gradation of existing fishing vessels for export competency promoting fishing industries. Further, to foster linkages among producers, aggregators, processors and exporters for better price realization and enhanced incomes, Entrepreneur Models in Fisheries & Aquaculture implemented under PMMSY *inter-alia* supports necessary backward & forward linkages like Post Harvest Infrastructure facilities including cold chain and marketing.

In addition, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) has also accorded approvals for development of 5 fishing harbours at Maharashtra a total cost of Rs. 940.45 crore and providing interest subvention against the project cost of Rs. 716.54 crore.

(b): No proposal is pending in the Department of Fisheries, Government of India for establishment of new fishing industries in Maharashtra.

(c): Does not arise.
