

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 221
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2024

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

221. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

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

- (a) the benefits of communication and/or tracking devices for traditional and motorised vessels like VHF/DAT/NAVIC/Transponders etc. under Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework;
- (b) whether Government is providing one lakh transponders under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for fishing vessels in all coastal States free of cost: and
- (c) if so, the number of fishing vessels on which transponders have been installed in the coastal districts of Karnataka?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), it has been planned to develop and manage a robust Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) regime by creating necessary infrastructure facilities and networks. The benefits of communication and tracking devices for traditional and motorized vessels like VHF/DAT/NAVIC/Transponders etc. under MCS of Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework is safety and security of fishermen and their vessels/assets at sea. Other benefits of communication and tracking devices are (i) Two-way communication from fishermen to marine security agencies/fisheries Department of coastal States/UTs. or vice versa; (ii) Easy to track fishing vessels when in distress; (iii) Helps Coast Guard to extend rescue operation in case of emergency; (iv) Alert messages of inclement weather conditions in advance to fishermen involved in fishing; (v) Alert message to fishermen to provide information about maritime boundaries at sea; (vi) Data of potential fishing zones to fishermen in advance to help in locating fishing zones.

(b): Yes, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India is providing one lakh transponders under PMMSY for the fishing vessels in all the Coastal States/UTs. free of cost. The National Rollout Plan for installation of Vessel Communication and Support System in marine fishing vessels for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS), has been approved with 60:40 funding pattern between Centre and States and 100% Central share to UTs.

(c): Till date, 40 transponders have been installed in the Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka.
