

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1821  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**Fish farming in upstream Dam area**

**1821 Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge potential of fish farming and consequential revenue generation for Governments in particularly upstream of Dam areas, if so, the details thereof as on date;
- (b) whether Government has framed any policy in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government, in consultation with State Governments and various stakeholders, would contemplate on framing a special policy in this regard, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Considering the huge untapped potential of reservoirs covering over 33 lakh hectare water spread area, several initiatives and policies have been implemented by the Department of Fisheries to Government of India to harness this potential. To provide thrust for integrated development of reservoirs and harness the fisheries resources including in upstream areas, programmes with an outlay of Rs. 420.36 crores for cage based cultivation of fishes in reservoirs and support for stocking of reservoirs with quality fingerlings of commercially important fishes were approved under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Blue Revolution implemented during 2015-16 to 2019-20. Further, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under PMMSY, during last four financial years (2020-21 to 2023-24) and in the current financial year (2024-25), has accorded approval to projects for establishment of 50,710 reservoir cages, integrated development of 27 reservoirs and stocking of fingerling in 4.17 lakh hectare of reservoir area at a total outlay of Rs. 1809.23 crore.

Reservoir water resources are managed and regulated by the concerned State Governments and many State Governments are implementing their own Reservoir Fishery Policy. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been supplementing the efforts of States for reservoir fisheries resource development.