

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1000
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2024**

Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

1000 Dr. Sikander Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of production of marine products in Himachal Pradesh during the last and current year;
- (b) the details of finance provided to the fishing and aqua farmers in Himachal Pradesh under the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) since implementation of the scheme;
- (c) the extent to which the Fund has helped in creating infrastructure, marketing etc. in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of employment opportunities which is likely to be created through utilization of this Fund in the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a): The State of Himachal Pradesh being an inland State is involved in inland fisheries and aquaculture and not associated with the marine fisheries. The Inland fish production in the State as reported by Government of Himachal Pradesh is 17,721 tonne during 2023-24 and 3300 tonne till June of current financial year 2024-25.

(b) to (d): In order to address the infrastructure requirement for fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying with effect from financial year 2018-19 has been operating a dedicated fund namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore. FIDF *inter-alia* provides concessional finance to various Eligible Entities (EEs), including State Governments/Union Territories and State entities for development of identified fisheries infrastructure facilities through Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs). Under the FIDF, the Department of Fisheries provides interest subvention up to 3% per annum for providing the concessional finance by the NLEs at the interest rate not lower than 5% per annum. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the FY 2021-22 accorded approval to a proposal submitted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for establishment of state-of-Art Fisheries Training Centre at Gagret at a total project cost of Rs. 5.17 crore with project cost restricted for interest subvention at Rs. 5.00 crore. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) being one of the Nodal Loaning Entities (NLEs) under FIDF has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore to Government of Himachal Pradesh and disbursed an amount of Rs. 4.04 crore. As reported by Government of Himachal Pradesh, the approved training centre envisaged to benefit at total of 10000 fish farmers/fishermen through trainings, seminars and farmer's meet etc.
