

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2940
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2025**

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in Tamil Nadu

2940. Shri R. Dharmar:

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

- (a) the features of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and the number of fisheries and aquaculture projects undertaken under the scheme in Tamil Nadu, so far;
- (b) the total financial allocation made for the PMMSY in Tamil Nadu in the last three years;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who received financial support and technical assistance under the PMMSY in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the future plans for expanding the scope of the PMSSY in Tamil Nadu, particularly in terms of increasing fishery exports, modernizing infrastructure and supporting coastal communities?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)**

(a) and (b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (DoF, GoI) is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crores during FY 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all states/Union Territories including Tamil Nadu. PMMSY aims for holistic development of fisheries sector including welfare of fishers, and it is designed to address critical gaps in the fisheries value chain from fish production, productivity and quality to technology, post-harvest infrastructure and marketing etc. The scheme aims to modernize and strengthen the value chain, enhance traceability and establish a robust fisheries management framework while simultaneously ensuring the socio-economic welfare of fishers and fish farmers. The PMMSY is an umbrella scheme with two separate components, namely (a) Central Sector Scheme (CS) and (b) Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Beneficiaries under the scheme are fishers, fish farmers, fish vendors, fisheries cooperatives and federations, Self Help Groups (SHGs), entrepreneurs and private firms, Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs), SC/ST, differently abled persons, etc. During the last five financial years, (FY 2020-21 to 2024-25), as informed by Government of Tamil Nadu, a total of 116 projects have been approved for Tamil Nadu under PMMSY with an outlay of Rs. 1156.15 crores. Besides, the DoF, GoI, during the last three years (FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24) has accorded approvals for fisheries development proposals worth Rs.866.80 crore for the State of Tamil Nadu under PMMSY.

(c): During the last five years, (FY 2020-21 to 2024-25), as informed by Government of Tamil Nadu, 1,83,264 numbers of fishermen/fish farmers and women self-help groups are benefited under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in Tamil Nadu.

(d): For increasing the fish production, improving cold chain infrastructure, and for enhancing the livelihoods of fishermen and fish farmers in Tamil Nadu, specific initiatives have been taken up under PMMSY such as establishment of Multipurpose Seaweed Park, support for acquisition of Deep-Sea Fishing Vessels by traditional fishers, upgradation of fishing vessels for export competence, development and upgradation of fishing harbours and fish landing centres, development of reservoir cage culture, stocking of fish seeds in reservoirs, irrigation tanks, providing assistance for expansion of freshwater fish farming area through construction of new fish culture ponds and providing input assistance under various schemes, promotion of brackishwater aquaculture and freshwater aquaculture, etc. To enhance fishery exports, PMMSY focuses on developing advanced post-harvest cold chain infrastructure, such as cold storages, ice plants, and transportation facilities. These improvements are designed to increase the capacity and efficiency of the fish processing sector, thereby making seafood export more competitive on global market. For maintaining the quality of fish, to reduce post-harvest losses, and to enhance the fishery exports, the DoF, GoI under PMMSY has approved 40 ice plants, 1,528 post-harvest transportation facilities, 3 fish retail markets and 55 fish vending kiosks for the State of Tamil Nadu. Additionally, PMMSY aims to comprehensively develop coastal fishing communities by establishing integrated, modern coastal fishing villages with essential infrastructure. This includes providing disaster resilient housing, post-harvest facilities and modern amenities to enhance the quality of life for coastal fishers. Under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India had accorded Administrative Approval for projects worth Rs. 1156.15 Crores for implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu with aim to increasing fish production, improving cold chain infrastructure, and enhancing the livelihoods of fishermen and fish farmers in Tamil Nadu.
