

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2660
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2022

Fishing communities

2660. **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the total number of people engaged in fishing activities in India, State-wise whose primary source of income is fishing;
- (b) the major schemes of Government to help the fishermen to engage in economic activities during the lean period of fishing related work;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to help the fishing communities to engage in modern fish farming by training them in this area; and
- (d) the measures to improve education, skill development, employment in other fields of the traditional fishing communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in the country provides livelihood support to a total 28 million fishers. Out of these, 2.78 million fishers are full-time actively engaged in fisheries and fisheries related activities. State wise details of total number of people engaged in fisheries, aquaculture and its allied activities are at Annexure –I.

(b) to (d): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship programme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)- a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector with a highest ever investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for a period of 5 years with effect from 2020-21 to 2024-25 in all the States/Union Territories. PMMSY *inter-alia* provides livelihood and nutritional support for socio-economically backward active traditional fisher's families during the fishing ban/lean period under which Governmental financial assistance of Rs. 3000/- per annum is provided to each enrolled beneficiary along with beneficiary contribution of Rs. 1500/- annually. Further, such accumulated amount of Rs. 4500/- is disbursed to each enrolled beneficiary by the respective State/UT at the rate of Rs. 1500/- per month during the fishing ban/lean period for three months annually.

Besides, PMMSY, *inter-alia*, lays special focus on training, skill development, skill up-gradation and capacity building through trainings, awareness building programmes and exposure visits to stakeholders especially fishers, fish farmers, fish workers, fish vendors, entrepreneurs, officials, fisheries Cooperatives and members of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations. The Training, Awareness, Exposure and Capacity Building programmes are carried out through the National Fisheries Development Board, ICAR institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), other organisations and State/UT Fisheries Departments. In addition to these regular programmes, skill development programmes to traditional fishermen through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme approved by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) in respect of marine/ inland capture fisheries are also provided.

Statement referred to in reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2660 put in by Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla, Honourable Member of Parliament for answer on 25th March, 2022 regarding 'Fishing communities': State-wise details of total number of people engaged in fisheries, aquaculture and its allied activities

Sl. No.	Name of the States/ UTs	Number of people engaged in fisheries, aquaculture and its allied activities
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,496,688
2	Arunachal Pradesh	24,015
3	Assam	2,524,106
4	Bihar	6,027,375
5	Chhattisgarh	220,355
6	Goa	10,545
7	Gujarat	558,691
8	Haryana	118,455
9	Himachal Pradesh	11,806
10	Jharkhand	140,897
11	Karnataka	974,277
12	Kerala	1,044,361
13	Madhya Pradesh	2,232,822
14	Maharashtra	1,518,228
15	Manipur	47,711
16	Meghalaya	16,567
17	Mizoram	6,289
18	Nagaland	7,958
19	Odisha	1,517,574
20	Punjab	7,591
21	Rajasthan	57,260
22	Sikkim	581
23	Tamil Nadu	1,283,751
24	Telangana	862,221
25	Tripura	7,761
26	Uttarakhand	8,352
27	Uttar Pradesh	3,900,005
28	West Bengal	3,236,261
29	A and N Islands	25,941
30	Chandigarh	524
31	Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	40,016
32	Delhi	3,346
33	Jammu & Kashmir	17,396
34	Ladakh	22
35	Lakshadweep	6,518
36	Puducherry	107,272
	All India total	28,063,538
