

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 611
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Insurance Schemes for Fisheries

611. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state;

- (a) whether the Government is providing any credit schemes to the fishers and initiated any provision made for the insurance scheme for the fishers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): In the year 2018-19, Government of India has extended the facility of Kisan Credit Card facilities to fishers and fish farmers to meet their working capital requirements. In this regard, RBI, vide letter dated 4-2-2019, has issued the guidelines regarding eligibility, scale of finance, etc. for the KCC facility for fisheries. Till date, 1,82,903 KCC cards have been issued to fishers and fish farmers in all States/UTs.

Further, in order to provide social security measure to fishers, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) provides accidental insurance coverage to fishers wherein the entire insurance premium amount is borne by the Central and State Government, with no contribution from the beneficiary. The insurance coverage provided under the PMMSY includes (i) Rs.5,00,000/- against death or permanent total disability, (ii) Rs.2,50,000/- for permanent partial disability and (iii) hospitalization expenses in the event of accident for a sum of Rs. 25,000/-. During last two years (from 2021-22 to 2022-23) and current financial year (2023-24), 96.48 lakh of fishers with an average of 32.16 lakh fishers annually have been enrolled for providing insurance coverage under the Scheme.
