

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1233  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**Inland Fisheries in Gujarat**

**1233. Shri Chavda Vinod Lakhamshi:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for promotion and development of Inland fisheries and associated processing & supply chain infrastructure in the Gujarat especially in the districts of Bhuj, Abdasa, Gandhidham, Rapar, Mandvi and Anjar of the kachchh Parliamentary Constituency region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) – ‘a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India’ at a total investment of Rs. 20050 crore for holistic development of fisheries sector including welfare of fishers. PMMSY is being implemented in all the States and Union Territories of India including Gujarat for a period of 5(five) years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.

During last four years (2020-24) under PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approval to the fisheries developmental proposals of Government of Gujarat amounting to Rs. 798.83 crore with central share of Rs. 242.66 crore. The approved projects *inter alia* included promotion of inland fisheries development activities like stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs, establishment of fish feed mills, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), Biofloc culture units, supply of boats and nets for traditional fishermen. The approved

activities also included cold chain facilities like cold storages and ice plants, transportation units like refrigerated vehicles, insulated vehicles, motor cycle with ice boxes, three wheelers with ice boxes, live fish vending centres, disease diagnostic and quality testing lab, insurance to fishers for holistic development of the fisheries sector including Inland fisheries in various districts of Gujarat.

Government of Gujarat has informed that, presently due to local sentiments there is ban of reservoir fish culture in entire Kachchh district. Therefore, projects on inland fisheries and associated processing and supply infrastructure are not taken up in areas of Bhuj, Abdasa, Gandhidham, Rapar, Mandvi and Anjar in Kachchh district. However, other activities under the PMMSY and state scheme are implemented for development and promotion of marine fisheries such as promotion of seaweed culture along with training and capacity development, subsidy to beneficiaries in procurement of gill nets, OBM two-stroke & four stroke engines, polypropylene ropes, jumbo plastic crates for fishing vessels and insulated boxes to retail and wholesale fish vendors for hygienic marketing of fish, etc.

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