

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †1275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2024**

Subsidy for Purchasing Boats by Fisherman

1275 Shri Patel Umeshbhai Babubhai:

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

- (a) whether subsidy provided by the Government to the fishermen in Daman and Diu for purchasing of Global Positioning System (GPS) wireless, engine, wire rope, lamps, fridges, generators and many other items including purchasing of new boats under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reason for discontinuation of the subsidy in Daman and Diu (UT) after year 2018-19;
- (c) whether the owner of boat or family members received grant for any casualty reported due to boarding-de-boarding on the boat, storm and fire incidents;
- (d) if so, whether the such grant has been discontinued; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the details about resuming the subsidy and grant on the above items?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in all the States and Union Territories (UTs) of India from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 for holistic development of fisheries sector including welfare of fishers. The PMMSY *inter alia* envisages for providing support towards safety kits and communication devices for strengthening safety and security of fishermen. The safety kits envisaged under the PMMSY, mainly comprised of assistance for supply of Global Positioning System (GPS), life jacket, lifebuoy, other lifesaving appliances, a radar reflector, first-aid box, a set of flares, backup battery, search & rescue beacons etc. In addition, assistance is also

provided for providing boats (as replacement) and nets for traditional fishermen, support for acquisition of deep-sea fishing vessels for traditional fishermen and up gradation of existing fishing vessels for export competency. Projects under PMMSY are approved and central funds are released based on fisheries developmental proposals submitted by the concerned State/UT. Under PMMSY, during 2020-21, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India has accorded approval to the fisheries developmental projects submitted by UT of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu at total cost of Rs.6.31 crore. The activities approved include construction of rearing ponds, grow out ponds, ornamental fish rearing units, cold storage, establishment of brood bank for seaweed, fish value added enterprise, transport vehicles, freshwater aquaculture etc.

(b): Government has not discontinued subsidy in UT of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu after 2018-19.

(c) & (d): The Department of Fisheries, Government of India, under PMMSY, is implementing Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS), through National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) wherein, insurance premium is borne by the Central & State Government and completely borne by the Central Government in case of Union Territories with no contribution from the beneficiary. The scheme is active and insurance coverage provided 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/-. The NFDB has informed that 7864 fishers of UT of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are covered under the insurance and as on date no such claim request under GAIS has been received.

(e): Does not arise.