

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BOATS TO FISHERMEN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether fishermen in Andamans have been provided with mechanized/non-mechanised boats on loan/free of cost under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the target fixed for providing such assistance and the number of fishermen who have received such boats under the TRP in the current year, category-wise and region-wise;
- (d) the criteria adopted for providing such boats free of cost/on loan; and
- (e) the total funds allocated for the purpose and amount of loan disbursed to each farmer in this regard along with the number of fishermen who have received such loans?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Relief for tsunami affected fishermen was provided under the Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package (RGRP), The pattern of assistance under the package is as under:
  - (i) full subsidy for replacement of country boats (dinghies) plus nets upto the unit cost of Rs. 65,000.
  - (ii) for motorboats, 50% subsidy and balance as loan for replacement/upgradation of boats and motor upto the unit cost of Rs. 2.00 lakh and an additional Rs. 35,000 for boat transportation.
  - (iii) for upgradation/replacement of locally made dinghies to opt for engirt fitted dinghies, a maximum subsidy of Rs. 1.00 lakh per unit alongwith transportation cost of Rs. 35,000 while the balance to be provided as loan,
  - (iv) for repair of boats, 60% subsidy with a ceiling of Rs. 65,000/- and balance as loan.
  - (v) full subsidy upto Rs. 10,000 for repair of country boats (dinghies),
  - (vi) for mechanized boats, for which cost exceeded Rs. 10.00 lakh per unit, 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakh and an additional transpiration cost of Rs. 35,000. A total of 2065 boats have been replaced /repaired/upgraded under RGRP through subsidy/loan etc.
- (c) All affected fishermen have been provided compensation/ relief in accordance with the provisions of the package.
- (d) A committee constituted by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration evaluated the COST of construction/ repair/ upgradation and recommended release of eligible subsidy/ loan/NGO contribution.
- (e) An amount of Rs. 13.827 crore towards subsidy component was allocated under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for replacement/ repair/ upgradation of boats and dinghies.

The Department of Fisheries of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration further recommended release of a total loan amount of Rs. 216 crore to 686 needy tsunami affected fishers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, through the respective service area banks.

The details of loan disbursed and distribution are maintained by the concerned banks.