

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH JULY, 2019

Development of Fisheries

2618. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a plan for development of fisheries with the intention to create job opportunities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated a plan for establishment of infrastructure like cold chain facility in the supply chain of seafood products; and
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the benefit of Blue Revolution Scheme across the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) to (d) : For to holistic development and management of fisheries and generation of job opportunity in fisheries sector, the Department of Fisheries (DoF), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying since the fiscal year 2015-16 has been implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution : Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries with a total central outlay of Rs. 3000 crore. Besides, in order to address the infrastructure requirements for fisheries sector, the Department during 2018-19 also created a dedicated fund namely Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total funds size of Rs 7522.48 crore. The FIDF *inter-alia* aim towards of creation of employment opportunities in fisheries sector.

Under the CSS, central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/Union Territories for strengthening of Cold-chain Infrastructure facilities fisheries such as (i) Ice plants, Cold storages, Ice plants-cum-cold storages, (ii) Renovation/modernization of existing Ice plants, Cold storages and Ice plants-cum-cold storages, (iii) Development of retail fish markets and allied infrastructure and (iv) setting up of mobile/retail fish outlets. The CSS also provides financial assistance for fish transport infrastructure such as Refrigerated Trucks/Containers, Insulated Trucks, Auto Rickshaw with ice box, Motorcycle with ice box and Bicycle with ice box. Besides, Under the FIDF concessional finance is also provided for development of cold storage, ice-plants, fish transport and cold chain infrastructures for fisheries.

The CSS on Blue Revolution primarily aims enhancing the fish production in the country. The fish production has increased from 10.26 million metric tonne in 2014-15 to 12.62 million metric tonne in 2017-18.
