

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2022

Development of Fish Farming

4194. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge potential for fisheries in case the large amount of river water flowing into sea is utilised and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that there is a lot of scope for job creation and economic growth with developing fish farming using the said water before it merges into sea;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps to utilize the said river water to develop fish farming with constructing appropriate infrastructure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d) :Yes, Sir. Recognizing the immense potential of fisheries sector and aiming towards sustainable utilization of water and fisheries resources in the country, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has formulated and is implementing a flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever investment of ₹ 20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 in all States/Union Territories aiming sustainable development of fisheries, increasing employment opportunities in fisheries and aquaculture. PMMSY, inter-alia, supports promotion of capture and culture fisheries in river and estuarine waters and the activities supported towards this end include cage and pen culture, providing replacement boats, fishing nets and other fishing implements, necessary communication devices, post harvest handling, fish marketing like construction of fish retail markets and fish kiosks, fish transport facilities, cold storages and ice plants. Besides, a dedicated River Ranching programme has also been launched under PMMSY to improve the riverine fish stocks to ensure sustainability of riverine fisheries and generating sustainable income to the fishers. Further, development of fish landing centres along the rivers & estuaries, promotion of brackishwater aquaculture are also supported under the PMMSY.
