

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2021

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE

*297. **SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to promote aquaculture in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether there are any plans to develop clusters for better development of aquaculture in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No * 297 put in by Shri Ramesh Chandra Majhi, Honourable Member of Parliament for answer on 16th March, 2021 regarding Promotion and Development of Aquaculture.

(a) to (d): Yes sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a new flagship scheme namely “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)” with highest ever investment of Rs.20050 crores in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21. The PMMSY *inter-alia* supports various activities aimed at development of aquaculture in the country in fresh water, brackish water, cold water and saline water through area expansion, intensification, diversification, technology infusion and productive utilization of land and water. Activities like ornamental fisheries, mariculture including seaweed cultivation are also accorded priority. Besides, focus is also given for increasing production and productivity in aquaculture through establishment of brood banks and hatcheries, construction of ponds and raceways, species diversification, genetic improvement, robust disease management, technologies such as re-circulatory aquaculture system, biofloc and cage culture. The key implementation strategies of the PMMSY are cluster/area-based approaches with requisite forward and backward linkages wherever feasible, gap filling, convergence, creation of fish farmers’ producer organizations, promotion of good aquaculture practices, traceability, innovations, entrepreneur models etc.
