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Title: Regarding support to Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI (ANAKAPALLE): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, thank you. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector in India at an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crore for holistic development of fisheries sector including welfare of fishermen.

Seeing the hardships of the members of the fishing community in Andhra Pradesh, our hon. Chief Minister, Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy Garu, had taken the decision to develop eight fishing harbours and a jetty in the State to ensure that fishermen do not migrate to other States for livelihood. The proposed project is estimated to cost about Rs. 3,000 crore.

In 2018-2019 period, India exported seafood worth USD 6.72 billion with a quantity of 13.92 lakh tonne. During the same period, exports from Andhra Pradesh were 3.1 lakh tonne with a value of \$ 2.43 billion. The State contributed 36.16 per cent and 22.54 per cent in terms of value in dollar and quantity of Indian seafood exports during 2018-2019.

Hence, through you, hon. Chairperson, Sir, I would request the Central Government and especially the Fisheries Ministry to support the initiatives of our State Government and our hon. Chief Minister garu so

that the exports from the country can grow rapidly. Thank you very much.