

Regarding need to expedite implementation of projects approved under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) in various parts of Odisha- Laid

SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR): The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), which is a flagship and transformative scheme for the fisheries sector and the welfare of fishermen, aims to address critical gaps in fish production and productivity in the country. The scheme was launched in 2020 and has been in operation since then with an investment of more than Rs. 20000 crores. Considering the critical importance of fisheries sector in ensuring food security, the programme aims for an overall development of fishing community. Several major projects approved for Odisha, for instance, fishing harbours at Astarang and Paradip in my Parliamentary Constituency, Jagatsinghpur; Aqua Park at Sambalpur; Wholesale Fish Markets at Bhubaneswar and Balasore; integrated development of reservoir; Establishment of brood bank and other beneficiary-oriented activities. An estimated amount of Rs. 1400 crore worth projects have been approved; however, these projects are yet to be grounded and the people of Odisha in general and particularly the fisherfolk community are deprived of the scheme benefits. I would like to seek the attention of the Hon?ble Minister to investigate the matter and expedite in grounding these projects for the larger interest of the people of the State of Odisha.