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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025

Organic Fisheries Cluster

3732. Dr. Mallu Ravi:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the organic fisheries cluster launched in Sikkim;
- (b) whether similar clusters are being planned by the Government to launch in other States of the country; and
- (c) the status of the PM-KISAN scheme extension to include fishers in it and its impacts till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)

(a) and (b) : The Department of Fisheries, Government of India has notified Organic Fisheries Clusters in Soreng District of Sikkim for development of organic fisheries and aquaculture under PMMSY with focus on development of ecologically healthy fish farming systems. Series of consultative meetings and stakeholder consultations involving experts, officials, and farmers were conducted to align the objectives of organic fisheries cluster. A detailed gap analysis study was carried out to identify bottlenecks and areas requiring intervention for effective promotion of organic aquaculture practices. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Organic Fisheries Cluster has been prepared and infrastructure-based interventions have been initiated in the district. Construction of fish tanks through convergence with MGNREGA has already been initiated. To ensure the systematic development and sustainability of the Organic Fisheries Cluster, a comprehensive three-year Strategic Action Plan has been prepared. The plan includes, interventions in the areas of capacity building, input support, certification, infrastructure creation, and market linkage to establish a replicable and self-sustaining organic aquaculture model in the State.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampadha Yojana (PMMSY) *inter-alia* provides adoption of a cluster-based approach to enhance the competitiveness of the fisheries sector, facilitate economies of scale, generate higher incomes, accelerate the growth, expansion of fisheries and aquaculture in an organized manner in cluster based approach. To continue the efforts for sustainable development of fisheries, Department of Fisheries, Government of India notified 34 fisheries production and processing clusters in different States/UTs to boost fish production and improve livelihoods. These clusters focus on specific areas like ornamental fisheries, seaweed cultivation, pearl farming, Saline Water Aquaculture, Reservoir Fisheries, Wetland Fisheries, Cold water Fisheries, Dry Fish Cluster, Integrated fish farming, and tuna fishing.

(c): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare informed that no proposal is under consideration for extension of PM-KISAN scheme to fishers. Further, it is also informed that fishers and fish farmers having cultivable land are eligible as per the guidelines and can get benefits of PM-KISAN scheme.
