GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2242

TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH  MARCH, 2015

**WELFARE OF FISHERMEN**

 **2242. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

 Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE कृषि मंत्री

be pleased to state:

1. whether the Government is implementing a scheme for welfare of fishermen in Maharashtra;
2. if so, the details thereof; and
3. the details of the benefits accrued to the fishermen and the expenditure incurred by the Government for the same during the last three years and current year, year and component/benefit-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE**

**(DR.SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

(a) and (b) : Yes. Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme “National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen” for welfare of fishermen in the country including Maharashtra. The scheme has four main components namely (i) Development of Model Fishermen Villages, (ii) Group Accident Personal Insurance to Active Fishermen, (iii) Saving-cum-Relief and (iv) Training and Extension. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided for creation of basic amenities such as housing, drinking water and community halls for fishermen. Besides, the scheme also envisages insurance coverage to fishermen engaged actively in fishing, relief to fishermen during lean fishing season and training to fishers.

(c): Component-wise details of funds released and benefits accrued to fishermen of Maharashtra under the scheme during the last three years and the current financial year are furnished at Annexure.

**Annexure**

**Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2242 due for answer on 10.3.2015 put in by Shrimati Poonam Mahajan, Member of Parliament (LS) regarding Welfare of Fishermen.**

1. **Component–wise details of the funds released to the Government of Maharashtra during the last three years and current financial year (2014-15) under the Central Sector Scheme “National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen”**

**(Amount in )**

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| **S. No.** | **Component** | **Financial year**  |
| **2011-12** | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** |
| 1 | Development of Model Fishermen Villages | 1,40,000 | 50,00,000 | -- | -- |
| 2 | Group Accident Personal Insurance\* | 46,95,651 | 46,95,651 | 46,95,651 | 32,82,098 |

 \* Funds released to National Federation of Fishermen Cooperative Limited (FISHCOPFED) as Central share for insurance of fishermen of Maharashtra

1. **Component-wise details of benefits accrued to fishermen of Maharashtra during the last three years and current financial year (2014-15) under the Central Sector Scheme “National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen”**

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| **S. No.** | **Component** | **Items**  | **2011-12** | **2012-13** | **2013-14** | **2014-15** |
| 1 | Development of Model Fishermen Villages | No. of fishermen houses constructed | 07 | 200 | -- | -- |
| 2 | Group Accident Personal Insurance to Active Fishermen | No. of fishermen insured | 3,23,838 | 3,23,838 | 3,23,838 | 3,23,838 |
| No. of claims settled and amount paid | 06 | 39 | 30 | 23 |
| 6 lakh | 38 lakh | 30 lakh | 23 lakh |

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