

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FISHERIES UDHAMPUR

Achievements of Fisheries Sector in respect of District Udhampur

Fisheries Sector is an instrument of livelihood for a large section of economically backward population. Fisheries Sector has a significant role on overall economic scenario of the country. In the recent years, the development of Fisheries has been considered to be an important activity because this will not only provide high quality protein food to rural masses but will also raise their economic level besides providing avenues for employment generation for unemployed youth.

The district udhampur had a wide scope in Fisheries Sector. The whole district is blessed with rich aquatic resources. All the areas of the district are having rich water resources. These resources can be exploited by the department for increasing Fish Production.

The different activities being carried out by the department during the year 2020-21 as on date are as follows:-

Capture Fisheries (Conservation of water resources):- In order to overcome the exploitation of various water bodies in the district, Fishermen are registered every year for legal Fishing Purpose. During the year 2020-21, **1096 No** of Fishermen have been registered. The department keeps strict check on the illegal Fishing within the rivers/nallahs in the revenue jurisdiction of the district and compounded 190 No's of illegal fish cases during the year, thereby realizing the revenue to the tune of Rs.228600.00

Culture Fisheries:- Under this Programme, Carp seed procured either from RFFDA Jammu/Other seed production units for further distribution among the private Fish Farmers of the District and also stocked in the community ponds. During the year 2020-21, **121 No's** of Ponds(Community/ Private) have been stocked with **199500 No's** of quality Fish seed in the different water bodies of the district.

Till date 06 No's of Trout Units & 39 No's of Carp Ponds were established in the district in Private Sector under different schemes.

Establishment of Trout Rearing Unit Kirchi under the Languishing Project:- Trout being the inhabitant of cold waters, which generally used to be pride of Kashmir region , now have its wide scope in district Udhampur having areas like Latti, Jakhed, Dudu & Basantgarh which have cold waters throughout the year. The department has also a Trout Rearing unit in Govt. Sector initiated in the year 2005-06 and now on the verge of completion by funded through JKIDFC under Languishing Project. The said unit is partially functional and during the year 2020-21, a total of 609.3Kgs of Trout Fish has been sold to Local Masses of District and adjoining areas thereby generating the revenue to the tune of Rs. 295675.00 during the year 2020-2021.

Beneficiaries Oriented Schemes:-The department of Fisheries provides assistance in various fields to strengthen the socio economic status of the Fishermen community of the district. Some of the beneficiaries oriented schemes of the department are as follows:-

1. **Pradhan Mantri Matasaya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY):-** The PMMSY is a centrally sponsored scheme for providing assistance to the Bonafide Fishermen/ Farmers connected with the cultural/Capture activities of the Fisheries for the construction/ Establishment of Low Cost Houses, Trout Units, Carp Units etc by the Govt. of India. In the district the department provides the assistance to the 08 No's of bonafide Fishermen for construction of Low Cost House during the current financial year under this scheme.
2. **Insurance to Fishers:-** All the active registered Fishermen will be provided insurance cover of Rs. 5.00 lacs against the death/ permanent disability, Rs. 2.50 lac against partial disability and Rs.0.20 lacs against the accidental Hospitalization
3. **Blue Revolution:-** The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Blue Revolution is also a beneficiaries oriented scheme for providing assistance to the Bonafide Fishermen/ Farmers connected with the cultural/Capture activities of the Fisheries for the construction/ Establishment of Low Cost Houses, Trout Units, Carp Units etc. During the year the department of Fisheries had constructed 47 No's of Low Cost Houses for bonafide Fishermen in the district under this scheme.
4. The department has already provided 181 No's of Low cost Houses upto 2019-20(up to 31st March 2020) to bonafide Fishermen of the District under the different schemes.
5. **Kisan Credit Cards(KCC):-** The department has sponsored 18 No's of cases of Fish Farmers for sanctioning of Loan. Till date 08 No's of KCC has been sanctioned by the concerned Banks

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