

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3960  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025**

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**Traditional and Motorist Vessel**

**3960. Shri Y S Avinash Reddy:**

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

- (a) the benefits of communication and/or tracking devices for traditional and motorised vessels like VHF/DAT/NAVIC/Transponders etc. under Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework;
- (b) whether the Government is providing one lakh transponders under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for fishing vessels in all coastal States free of cost and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of the fishing vessels on which transponders that have been installed in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)**

(a) It has been envisaged in the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), to develop and manage a robust Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) regime by creating necessary infrastructure facilities and networks. The benefits of communication and tracking devices for traditional and motorized vessels like VHF/DAT/NAVIC/Transponders etc. under Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework is safety and security of fishermen and their vessels/assets at sea. Other benefits of communication and tracking devices are (i) Two-way communication from fishermen to marine security agencies/fisheries Department of coastal States/UTs. or vice versa; (ii) Easy to track fishing vessels when in distress; (iii) Help Coast Guard to extend rescue operation in case of emergency; (iv) Send alert messages of inclement weather conditions in advance to fishermen involved in fishing; (v) Alert message to fishermen to provide information about maritime boundaries at sea; (vi) Data of potential fishing zones to fishermen in advance to help in locating fishing zones.

(b): Yes, Department of Fisheries, Government of India is providing one lakh transponders under PMMSY for the fishing vessels in all the Coastal States/UTs. free of cost to the fishermen. The National Rollout Plan for installation of Vessel Communication and Support System in marine fishing vessels for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS), has been approved with 60:40 funding pattern between Centre and States and 100% Central share to UTs. The Vessel Communication and Support System has been indigenously developed under *Atma Nirbhar Bharat* by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) using Indian Satellites. Till date, 22,882 Nos. of transponders have been installed in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha and also in the UT of Daman and Diu. Detailed State-wise delivery and installation is at Annexure.

(c): Till date, 1,257 transponders have been installed in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh.

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**Statement referred to in reply of part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3960 regarding detailed State/UT wise delivery and installation of transponders:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>Cumulative Delivery</b>	<b>No. of Transponders installed</b>
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	1,620	1257
2.	DAMAN & DIU	1,625	1102
3.	GOA	859	655
4.	GUJARAT	16,319	8659
5.	KARNATAKA	8,068	3092
6.	KERALA	10	10
7.	MAHARASHTRA	7,913	6823
8.	ODISHA	1,733	1284
9.	PUDUCHERRY	0	0
10.	TAMIL NADU	0	0
11.	WEST BENGAL	0	0
12.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	0	0
13.	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>38,147</b>	<b>22,882</b>

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