

Former union fisheries minister Sarangi inaugurates cage aquaculture projects

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Balasore MP and former Union Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi inaugurated deep water cage aquaculture projects on Sunday at the Bahabulpur fishing centre. Sarangi inaugurated five projects travelling in a trawler.

The project is fully funded by the central government. In the initial phase 30 projects will be undertaken with an estimated budget of Rs 2.56 crore.

The cage aquaculture has proved very successful as it enhances revenue, said Sarangi.



For each project three beneficiaries have been trained in Vishakhapatnam about the culture. For initial projects 30 projects the central government have made provision

for training, infrastructure support, feed etc. for the beneficiaries.

After seeing yield of these projects, which will be after 6 months, other farmers can

take up the cage culture. Banks will provide financial support and farmers can avail 40 per cent subsidy (60 per cent in the case of women beneficiaries), he said.

According to CMFRI member Dr Biswajit Das, through the cage culture method a farmer can have three crops in a year. The projects are also in the process in AP, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In the fresh water ponds or tanks fish farming while alteration of water and oxygen are required, here under the deep water cage culture it is not needed, said said scientists Dr Subhdeep Ghosh and Dr Gyana Ranjan Das.