

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.*117
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2018

PROMOTING MARICULTURE

***117.DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has proposed to promote mariculture and open sea cage culture activity in all maritime States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any estimate of the economic growth and job creation by promotion of the said activities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for promotion of mariculture and related activities along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c) : A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 117 put in by Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah for answer on 27th July, 2018 regarding Promoting mariculture.

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries provides financial assistance to the maritime State Governments and Union Territories (UTs) for promotion of mariculture activities namely Open Sea Cage Culture, Seaweed Cultivation, Bivalve Culture, Pearl Culture etc.
- (b) It is estimated that a single open sea cage one can earn an average profit of around Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh annually depending on the type of species cultured besides generation of (i) direct income and employment for around 2 to 5 beneficiaries and (ii) around 10 beneficiaries indirectly involved in fabrication of cage and installation; harvest and post harvest activities.
- (c) Funds are allocated and released under the CSS based on the viable proposals submitted by the State Governments and UTs. During the past 3 financial years from 2014-15 to 2016-17, central financial assistance to the tune of Rs.1062.72 lakh has been released to intended State Governments and UT namely Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Andaman & Nicobar Administration for establishment of a total of 670 Nos of open sea cages.
