

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 13/12/2022

INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP BLUE ECONOMY OF INDIAN OCEAN

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had taken any new initiatives to develop the potential of the blue economy of the Indian Ocean from the year 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for “Development of Energy Efficient River survey drifter drone (Autonomous survey craft)” on Self-Propulsion Model?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM). The Deep Ocean Mission is a multi-ministerial, multi-disciplinary programme with emphasis on development of deep-sea technology that includes development of manned Submersible rated for 6000 metre water depth along with technologies for deep sea mining, exploration of deep-sea mineral resources and marine biodiversity, acquisition of a research vessel for ocean exploration, development of ocean climate change advisory services, deep sea observations, and capacity building in Marine Biology. The activities of Deep Ocean Mission will help to develop the potential of the blue economy of the Indian Ocean.

(c) The work for development of Energy Efficient River Survey Drifter Drone (Autonomous Survey Craft) was awarded by Inland Waterways Authority at total cost of Rs. 21.94 Lakhs to Indian Maritime University (IMU). An amount of Rs. 14.47 Lakhs has been released till date to Indian Maritime University (IMU).
