

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION No.184  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**Impact of deep sea fishing**

**184. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the depletion of marine resources due to large scale deep sea fishing operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is addressing the concerns of traditional fishing communities while promoting deep sea fishing;
- (d) if so, the details of measures initiated by Government to safeguard the interests of the traditional fisherfolk; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

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

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**Statement referred to in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 184 regarding “Impact of deep sea fishing” put in by Shri Jose K. Mani, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, for answer on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

(a) to (e): There is no depletion of marine fishery resources due to deep sea fishing operations. In fact, the overall marine fish production of India has increased from 34.76 lakh tones in 2020-21 to 41.27 lakh tones in 2021-22 with growth rate of 18.70%.

Further, as per Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India for Revalidation of Potential Yield of fishery resources in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), the annual Potential Yield of India’s EEZ has been estimated at 53.1 lakh tons out of which deep-sea/oceanic resources potential is 2.31 lakh tons.

During the last 5 years, the average annual marine fish landing is 37.88 lakh tons which includes 1.85 lakh tons of deep-sea/oceanic fishery resources. The average annual landings are below the potential yield of fishery resources in the Indian EEZ. Hence, depletion of marine fishery resources is not noticed.

The Department of Fisheries, Government of India is promoting traditional fishers for undertaking deep sea fishing operations through its schemes and programmes. Towards this end, financial assistance has been provided to traditional fishers for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels under the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of ‘Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries’. Further, financial assistance is also being provided to traditional fishers for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels under the ‘Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana’ (PMMSY) at the rate of 40% subsidy for General Category and 60% subsidy for SC/ST/Women beneficiaries. Training and capacity building is being provided by the Government to traditional fishers for undertaking deep sea fishing operations. Besides, activities such as sea ranching and installation of artificial reefs are also supported under the PMMSY to enhance fish production, conserve biodiversity and to promote sustainability for livelihood security of traditional fishers.

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