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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD FEBRUARY, 2023

Objectives of Sagar Parikrama

272. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) the details of the main objectives of Sagar Parikrama project;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said scheme was launched from the state of Gujarat; and
- (c) the details of the benefits to the fishermen community under this scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' program on occasion of 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Sagar Parikrama program is being organized through a pre-decided sea route covering coastal states/UTs. The main objectives of 'Sagar Parikrama' are (i) to facilitate interaction with fishermen, coastal communities and stakeholders so as to disseminate information of various fisheries related schemes and programs being implemented by the Government; (ii) demonstrating solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholder as a spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat; (iii) to promote responsible fisheries with focus on sustainable balance between the utilization of marine fisheries resources for food security of nation and livelihoods of coastal fisher communities and (iv) protection of marine ecosystems.

(b): Yes Sir. The Phase – I of 'Sagar Parikrama' program was organized in Gujarat, started on 5th March, 2022 from Mandvi and ended on 6th March 2022 at Porbandar, Gujarat. Subsequently, Phase – II of the program started on 22nd September, 2022 from Mangrol, Gujarat and ended on 25th September, 2022 at Umargam, Gujarat which also covered the coastal areas of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu viz., Vanakbara, Diu and Pipavav. The 'Sagar Parikrama' program envisages to cover the maritime States/UTs along the coastline in a phased manner

(c): The fishermen, fisher communities and stakeholders in the coastal areas are likely to be benefitted with awareness of various beneficiary oriented schemes and programs being implemented by the Government and showcasing them the best practices that may be adopted. The interaction programs being organized during the 'Sagar Parikrama' aims to resolve the issues of the fishers and other stakeholders and to facilitate their economic up-liftment through various fisheries schemes and programs being implemented by the Government of India, such as 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' (PMMSY) a flagship scheme with highest ever estimated investment of Rs.20,050 crore in fisheries sector, 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund' (FIDF) of Rs. 7522.48 crore implemented since 2018-19 to provide concessional finance to eligible entities, and the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) which has been extended for fishers and fish farmers since 2018-19. In addition to the schemes and programs of fisheries sector, the 'Sagar Parikrama' program envisages creation of awareness on various other schemes and programs of the Government of India.
