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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3468
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

Sagar Parikrama programme

3468. Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Sagar Parikrama programme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the aims of the programme is to interact fishermen, coastal communities and other stakeholders to educate them about the benefits of various schemes of the Ministry and disseminate information on various fisheries related schemes and programmes;
- (c) if so, the reasons that Sagar Parikrama programme has not covered Andhra Pradesh in Phase-I; and
- (d) by when the programme will be rolled out in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d) The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' program on the occasion of 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Sagar Parikrama program is being organized through a pre-decided sea route covering all coastal states/UTs including Andhra Pradesh in a phased manner. 'Sagar Parikrama' aims to (i) 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's as a spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, (iii) 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) promote protection of marine ecosystems. 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 to provide concessional finance to eligible entities, and the facility of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) which has been extended for fishers and fish farmers. 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.
