

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2982  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018

**‘PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN COMMUNITIES’**

.2982. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any policy to promote the traditional fishing communities living in coastal areas; and
- (b) if so, the details of the policy and the funds sanctioned by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE:

(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b). A National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 has already been notified by this Department on 28.4.2017, which primarily focuses on livelihood sustainability and socio-economic upliftment of the fisher community. In one of its recommendations, the National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 mentions to introduce new scheme(s) for enhancing the skills and capabilities of the traditional fishermen to undertake and popularize deep sea fishing. Accordingly, on 09.3.2017 the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) has introduced a new sub-component, namely ‘Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing’ under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme on ‘Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries’. The DADF and Ministry of Finance have sanctioned and released Rs.200 crore for promotion of traditional fishers in Deep Sea Fisheries during current Financial Year, 2017-18. Besides, traditional fishing communities are also assisted under various other components of Blue Revolution Scheme, namely National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen, Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Operations and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and its activities.

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