

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2998
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2018

BLUE ECONOMY

2998. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilize the country's long coastline, numerous islands, and large exclusive economic zone and continental shelf to reap the benefits of a blue economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to engage maritime forces of friendly nations at multiple levels, in training, in technical areas and hydrography and conduct maritime security operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
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(a) to (d): Government is implementing a Central Plan Scheme on “Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries” with a vision to achieve economic prosperity of the country and the fishermen through utilization of full potential of water resources for development of fisheries in a sustainable manner.

Besides, in April 2017, Government has notified the ‘National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017’ (NPMF), which provides guidance for promoting ‘Blue Growth Initiative’ which focus on ushering ‘Blue Revolution’ (Neeli Kranti) by sustainable utilization of fisheries wealth from the marine and other aquatic resources of the country for improving the lives and livelihoods of fishermen and their families. The ‘Blue Revolution’ encompasses elements of the ‘Blue Growth Initiative’.

Friendly foreign countries are being engaged extensively by Indian Navy through material support, training, EEZ surveillance, provisioning of platforms, hydrographic assistances, joint exercises and offering slots in professional training courses, etc.
