

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4004
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES POLICY

4004. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Expert Committee to revise National Marine Fisheries Policy, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said Committee has representations from States / UTs or the views of the States / UTs were given due consideration by the Committee;
- (c) whether the Expert Committee has submitted its Report, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the likely time- frame for finalization and implementation of new Marine Fisheries Policy in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMER'S WELFARE:

(SMT. KRISHNA RAJ)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF) has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of the then Director General of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) & Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Research & Education (DARE) Dr. S. Ayyappan to suggest draft of the 'National Policy on Marine Fisheries'(NPMF), on 28th July, 2015. The Committee had various interactions with all levels of stakeholders including all Maritime States / UTs, concerned Ministries and Departments, fisher-folks and fishers associations and Societies before submitting the draft report of the NPMF.
- (c) & (d) Yes Sir, The Committee has submitted its report to the DADF on 29-07-2016. The NPMF was Notified on 28th April, 2017 and the Notified NPMF has been circulated to all Maritime States / UTs for implementation at their end. New Policy aims to guide the coordination and management of marine fisheries in the country. Through the implementation of this Policy, the marine fisheries sector in India will become a sustainable and well-managed entity, ensuring enhanced utilization of the harvest for human consumption; employment, gender equity and livelihoods; equity and equality; provision of food security and nutrition; and creation of wealth and prosperity in the sector.
