

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.5923
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018

COMPREHENSIVE MARICULTURE POLICY

5923. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- a) whether the Government is considering to introduce a comprehensive mariculture policy and a national code of conduct for marine fisheries management in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the policy;
- c) whether the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has formulated and submitted any draft on the aforesaid matter; and
- d) if so, the details thereof including its major content, and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE:

(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, has announced a 'National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017' (NPMF) on 28th April, 2017 to guide the coordination and management of marine fisheries in the country during the next ten years. The NPMF, 2017 *inter alia* highlights the scope and importance of mariculture and needs for the development of this sector. The NPMF, 2017 also suitably underlines the importance of FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) and for integration of Code and its principles to marine fisheries sector.

(c) & (d) The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has formulated a 'Guidelines for Sea Cage Farming in India' in January, 2018 with main objective to augment marine fish production in a sustainable manner through sea cage farming and to meet the increasing demand for sea food. The Scientists of the CMFRI and Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) have suggested a draft 'Indian Marine Fisheries Code' (IMFC) for guidance on how the FAO-CCRF code can be put into practice in the country.
