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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th December, 2018

‘NATIONAL POLICY ON MARINE FISHERIES’

1189: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA: KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE

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

- (a) whether the Government has notified the ‘National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017’ and if so, the details thereof, including the salient features and the objectives of the Policy;
- (b) whether the Government has included a sub-component “Assistance for Deep-Sea Fishing” under Blue Revolution and if so, the amount allocated during the year 2018-19 ;
- (c) the estimated fish production in the country during the year 2017;
- (d) the measures taken to adopt reforms towards responsible and sustainable fisheries to optimally utilize fishery resources;
- (e) whether the Government has included ‘Mariculture’ under Blue Revolution Scheme; and
- (f) the objectives of setting up of National Fisheries Development Board?

ANSWER

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

(SMT. KRISHNA RAJ)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The ‘National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017’ (NPMF, 2017) has been notified on 28th April, 2017. The main objective is to ensure the healthy and ecological integrity of the marine fisheries resources of India’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) through sustainable harvests for the benefit of present and future generations of the nation. The overall strategy of the NPMF, 2017 and salient features are sustainable fisheries development, socio-economic upliftment of fishers, principle of subsidiarity, partnership, inter-generational equity, gender justice and precautionary approach.
- (b) Yes, Madam. A sub-component “Assistance for Deep-Sea Fishing” has been included under Blue Revolution Scheme. The scheme is demand driven, hence, prior allocation for this sub-component is not made and the assistance is released based on the proposals received from the States/UTs. An amount of Rs.30630.40 lakh was released during the year 2017-18 for this component to Coastal States / UTs, whereas the current financial year 2018-19 is not yet completed.
- (c) The estimated fish production in the country during the year 2017-18 is 12.61 Million Metric Tonnes.
- (d) The ‘NPMF, 2017’ has been promulgated to guide the actions of various stakeholders towards responsible and sustainable fisheries and to optimally utilize marine fishery resources. Besides, a Committee of Experts has also been constituted to suggest the ‘National Policy for Inland Fisheries’.

- (e) Yes, Madam. 'Mariculture' is already included under the Blue Revolution Scheme.
- (f) The objectives of setting up of National Fisheries Development Board are (i) to bring activities relating to fisheries and aquaculture for focused attention and professional management, (ii) to coordinate activities pertaining to fisheries undertaken by different Ministries/Departments in the Central Government and also coordinate with the State/Union Territory Governments, (iii) to improve production, processing, storage, transport and marketing of the products of capture and culture fisheries, (iv) to achieve sustainable management and conservation of natural aquatic resources including the fish stocks, (v) to apply modern tools of research and development including biotechnology for optimizing production and productivity from fisheries, (vi) to provide modern infrastructure mechanisms for fisheries and ensure their effective management and optimum utilization, (vii) to generate substantial employment, (viii) to train and empower women in the fisheries sector and (ix) to enhance contribution of fish towards food and nutritional security.
