

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1327**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18/12/2018**

**FISH HABITATS**

1327. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that fish habitats and coral reefs in coastal regions are depleting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is willing to create program for development of artificial fish habitats, if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. ICAR-CMFRI, Cochin is aware of depletion of fish habitats and coral reefs in coastal regions.
- (b) Research analysis have clearly identified the decline in the coral reefs due to the anthropogenic and climatic stressors. The latter factor is increasingly causing bleaching events in recent years.

Decline in fish habitats due to lack of proper solid waste management especially non-degradable waste has been brought to the notice of the local governments through frequent awareness programmes in different states. Apart from this, the National Conference on 'Marine Debris' held during April 2018 has brought out a proceeding highlighting the need for policy development which has been widely circulated.

- (c) ICAR-CMFRI is extending technical consultancy to State Fisheries Departments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Gujarat for installation of artificial fish habitats.

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