

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1588  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019

**Effect of Small-Scale Fisheries on Marine Ecosystems**

1588. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that even small-scale fisheries can destroy marine ecosystems and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of Marine Fisheries in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has provided adequate funds under the schemes for welfare and safety of marine fishermen?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

**(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)**

(a): Small-scale fisheries generally consist of traditional and eco-friendly fishing gears operated in the coastal waters. The marine fisheries resources in the Indian coastal waters are highly diverse; predominantly comprising of small-scale and artisanal fleets. Marine fisheries are not in-exhaustive and can be subject to over-exploitation leading to loss of biodiversity and reduced availability of resources in case responsible fishing measures and management system are not adopted.

(b): The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing various developmental schemes under the umbrella of “Blue Revolution Scheme” for overall development of Marine and Inland Fisheries, Post-harvest operations and Infrastructure developments towards realizing the “Blue Revolution” in the country. Apart from this, a dedicated Fund i.e. Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) worth Rs.7,522.48 crore is also being implemented by the Department to fill the infrastructure gaps in fisheries sector in the country.

(c) Yes, sir. The funds released by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the various components of the Blue Revolution Scheme including schemes for welfare and safety of fishermen to promote fisheries in the country during the last five years are as below;

Financial Year	Funds Released (In Crores)
2014-15	353.35
2015-16	416.80
2016-17	424.11
2017-18	420.77
2018-19	675.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>2290.55</b>

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