

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.687

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JUNE, 2019

BENEFITS OF BLUE ECONOMY

687. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE ज़कक ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilize the country's long coastline, numerous islands, large exclusive economic zone and continental shelf to reap the benefits of a "blue economy";
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to engage maritime forces of friendly nations at multiple levels, in training, in technical areas and hydrography and conduct maritime security operations; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): Government is implementing a Central Plan Scheme on "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" with a vision to achieve economic prosperity of the country and the fishermen through utilization of full potential of water resources for development of fisheries in a sustainable manner.

Besides, in April 2017, Government has notified the 'National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017' (NPMF), which provides guidance for promoting 'Blue Growth Initiative' which focus on ushering 'Blue Revolution' (Neeli Kranti) by sustainable utilization of fisheries wealth from the marine and other aquatic resources of the country

for improving the lives and livelihoods of fishermen and their families. The 'Blue Revolution' encompasses elements of the 'Blue Growth Initiative'.

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Friendly foreign countries are being engaged extensively through material support, training, EEZ surveillance, provisioning of platforms, hydrographic assistances, etc.
