

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 720  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

**Marine Wealth**

**720. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:**  
**PROF. SOUGATA RAY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that India's marine wealth is gradually decreasing in the coastal region including West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons noted and identified for such decrease;
- (c) whether any assistance to the fishermen community is likely to be announced to meet the needs of the situation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to conduct a scientific study on the decrease in marine wealth with reference to climate change and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) and (b) : The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has not received any such report regarding gradual decrease in the marine fish production from the coastal States and UTs including West Bengal. In fact, the marine fish production of India has increased from 34.76 lakh tones in 2020-21 to 41.27 lakh tones in 2021-22 with annual average growth rate of 18.70%.

(c) and (d): Does not arise

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