

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 856
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023

Fishing Industry

856. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Fishing Industry is in trouble, not only are fish population declining, but the industries itself is facing many problems that threaten marine life, the environment, plastic garbage, and economy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that the over fishing and by catch is a big problem for fishing industry, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to counter all the problems faced by the fishing industry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): No Sir. As per the latest study undertaken by the ICAR-CMFRI, the marine fish stocks of the Indian waters are in good health and over 90% of the 135 fish stocks evaluated in different regions during 2022 were found sustainable. Presently, the marine fish landing is recorded at 41.27 lakh tones (2021-22) against the potential yield of 53.1 lakh tones in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and as such there is no issue of over fishing and by catch problem for fishing industry.

(c) The 'National Policy on Marine Fisheries (NPMF), 2017' notified by the Government of India aims to keep sustainability of the resources at the core of all actions. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing a flagship scheme namely "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)- A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India" with highest ever estimated investment of Rs. 20050 crore in fisheries sector for a period of 5 years with effect from the financial year 2020-21. Under the PMMSY support is provided for harnessing of fisheries resources in a sustainable, responsible, inclusive and equitable manner. Besides, support is also provided for training and capacity building, development of post-harvest infrastructure, value addition, cold-chain and marketing etc. The Government of India has taken several steps to increase the fish stocks and ensure sustainable fisheries, such as implementation of 61 days uniform fishing ban during monsoon season, ban on destructive fishing methods viz. pair trawling or bull trawling and use of artificial LED lights in fishing, discouraging juvenile fishing and promotion of sea ranching, installation of Artificial Reefs, mariculture including seaweed cultivation etc.
