Promotion of Marine Fishery, Aquaculture and Mariculture

299. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the marine fishery, aquaculture and mariculture in India;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has formed any policy on inland fisheries; and
(d) if so, the details of its impact on the industry?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries (DoF), Animal Husbandry & Dairying has taken several steps to promote the marine fishery, aquaculture and mariculture in India. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries with major fisheries components like (i) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ii) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Operations, and (iii) National scheme of Welfare of Fishermen besides other components are under implementation in the States / Union Territories (UTs) with the financial assistance from this Department for development of overall fisheries sector in India. For development of marine fisheries sector, a sub-component namely, “Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing” to promote the traditional fishers in Deep Sea Fishing has been taken up. For promotion of mariculture in India various mariculture activities namely Open sea cage culture, Seaweed cultivation, Bivalve culture and Pearl culture were also introduced in the Blue Revolution Scheme. An amount of Rs. 2500.34 crore has been released to States / UTs from this Department during the year 2015-16 to 2019-20 (till date) for promotion of the marine fishery, aquaculture and mariculture in India.

(b) and (d): No, Sir. Government has not promulgated any policy on inland fisheries.

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