

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1514
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2020

Privatization of Fisheries Resources

1514. SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the fishermen across the country were against privatization of fisheries resources;
- b) whether it is also true that the Government had set a target of Rs.1 lakh crore export business over the next five years and 20 lakh tonnes of annual fish production; and
- c) whether it is also true that the privatization of fisheries resources will not benefit the traditional fishers community?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

- (a) Fisheries and aquaculture resources in the country are of varied nature. They exist in the form of marine capture fisheries resources, inland capture fisheries and aquaculture resources. These resources are spread over a range of different ecosystems. Fisheries and aquaculture being the State subject, utilisation of these resources are generally managed by the concerned States and UTs. The natural fisheries resources are available to the public and aquaculture has contributed to the development of the sector. Therefore, the issue of privatization of fisheries resources does not arise.
- (b) The new flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) being implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying envisages enhancing fisheries exports to about Rs.1 lakh crore, and increasing the fish production to 22 million metric tons by 2024-25.
- (c) Does not arise.
