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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 326 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY, 2021

Bio-Toilets on Fishing Vessels

326. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI: SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has mandated the fishing vessels to shift to bio-toilets to ensure marine environment clean and contamination of marine resources is prevented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any financial assistance is being provided to vessel owners to install biotoilets; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRYING

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(a) to (d): The endeavor of Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India is to promote environment friendly marine fishing practices among the fishers. The installation of bio-toilets on mechanical fishing vessels is one such activity. Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) provides financial support for fitment of Bio toilets in mechanized fishing vessels for maintaining hygiene, prevention and spread of diseases, prevention of pollution of oceans and seas and protection of their ecology. Under the PMMSY, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, during the financial year 2020-21, accorded approval to the proposals of seven States/UTs namely Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Puducherry for fitment of 2755 Bio-toilets in mechanized fishing vessels at a total cost Rs.1377.50 lakh with a central assistance of Rs. 395.24 lakh.
