

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1172
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

DEEP OCEAN MISSION

1172. ADV. A. M. AIRFF

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken note of the apprehensions that the recently approved Deep Ocean Mission would result in over exploitation of the marine resources by the corporate houses affecting the life and livelihoods of millions of fishers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to hold discussions with various stakeholders including the fishers, experts and State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Deep Ocean Mission is related to the Blue Economy Initiatives of the Government, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

- (a) Deep Ocean Mission would not result in any over exploitation of the marine resources by the corporate houses and will not affect the life and livelihoods of fishers in the country. The Deep Ocean Mission aims to explore deep-oceanic resources and develop technologies for their sustainable use. The outcome of the program is intended to identify potential new resources and develop technology for harnessing them in future, which may generate additional opportunity for livelihoods.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Yes, Sir. The Deep Ocean Mission is related to the Blue Economy. The activities of Deep Ocean Mission will help the components of blue economy such as fisheries, tourism and maritime transport, renewable energy, aquaculture, seabed extractive activities and marine biotechnology.
