

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5354
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2022

Ban on Fish Aggregating Devices

5354. SHRIMAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has banned the use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken to monitor and take action against the usage of illegal fish aggregating devices especially on the periphery of, or beyond, the territorial waters and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the usage of coconut flower stacks is becoming a popular FAD for catching fish among the fishermen; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government to counter this practice and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is committed for conservation and optimum utilization of fishery resources and notified National Marine Fisheries Policy, 2017 to ensure the responsible and sustainable fishing. Government of India has not banned the use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the country. However, destructive fishing methods such as use of artificial lights/LED lights for fishing and pair/bull trawling are prohibited in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India beyond Territorial waters. Besides, the Central Government, from time to time, has also advised Coastal States and Union Territories to issue necessary Government Orders prohibiting destructive fishing methods and to take strict action against such violations which may include suspension or cancellation of registration/license of fishing vessel(s).

(c) and (d): Department of Fisheries, Government of India has not received any report regarding use of coconut flower stacks as a popular FAD for catching fish.
