

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1370  
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DEEP SEA FISHING POLICY  
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to review the deep sea fishing policy;
- (b) whether an expert group has been set up for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Government have constituted an Expert Group on 28.12.1999 under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.Gopakumar, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), I.C.A.R., for formulation of a comprehensive policy on marine fisheries. The terms of reference include a review of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy in line with the recommendations of the Murari Committee. The terms of reference of the Expert Group are enclosed at Annexure-I. The Committee had so far four sitting and the final report is expected to be submitted shortly.

Annexure-1

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERT GROUP

i. To ascertain the present status of exploitation of marine fishery resources by the traditional (including motorised), mechanised and deep sea fishing vessel} ii. To formulate programmes for up gradation of the capabilities of the small-scale sector of fish in deeper waters, iii To fix area-wise resource specific deep sea fishing fleet like tuna long liners, purse seiners, squid jiggers, pole and long line fishing etc. iv To evaluate the capacity of the present fishing deep,-sea fishing fleet and suggest modifications and redeployment, if necessary, v To estimate and identify sources for meeting the investment requirements of the marine fisheries sector, vi To assess the need for joint ventures, leasing, etc. with foreign fishing companies, vii To identify the human resource development needs of the marine fisheries sector and formulate programmes for meeting such requirements, and viii To suggest conservation measures taking into account the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and other global initiatives for sustainable development of marine fisheries.