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Title: Need to create an Independent Ministry for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry for enabling balanced and equitable growth of these sectors.

SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVRAJ (UDUPI): The fisheries and animal husbandry sector has grown rapidly and extensively thereby deserving more and concentrated attention both in policy formulations and fund allocations.

Presently, the Ministry of Agriculture burdened with managing an equally intensive and extensive area of agronomy, is looking after fisheries and animal husbandry. Matters relating to policy formulation and implementation of projects relating to agronomy require full-fledged and undivided attention of the Ministry. Transportation sector is now split into Civil Aviation, Railways, Road Transport and Shipping. By the same logic and for better governance, it would be necessary to create an independent ministry for fisheries and animal husbandry and funds allocated commensurate with their share of contribution to national economy, health and nutrition.

I would urge the Government to consider this proposal in the right earnest to ensure a balanced and equitable growth of fisheries and animal husbandry sector.