

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 557

TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JUNE, 2019

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN FISHERIES

557. SHRI. NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मात्स्यकी, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that though India rank 3rd in the global fisheries industry, the industry is hardly driven by sustainable practices;
- b) the procedures undertaken by the Government to spread awareness regarding sustainable practices in the fisheries industry; and
- c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage people employed in the fisheries industry to follow sustainable practices and achieve MSC certification?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) to (c) India ranks second in the global fisheries and the fisheries in India focuses on the sustainable utilization of fisheries resources. The National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 proposes to keep sustainability of the resources at the core of all actions. The State/Union Territories (UT) Governments are implementing their respective 'Marine Fishing Regulation Act(s)' (MFRAs) to ensure sustainable fishing practices. Workshops, meetings and awareness programs are organized from time to time by the Central and State/UT Governments, Coast Guards, Fisheries Research Institutions, Inter-Governmental Organization (IGO), Fisheries Universities & Colleges, other agencies as well as Fishermen Associations/Federations etc. to sensitize the stakeholders including fishermen to spread awareness and to follow sustainable practices in the fisheries to ensure quality.
