

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.639

TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JUNE, 2019

“MARICULTURE UNDER BLUE REVOLUTION SCHEME”

639. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has included ‘Mariculture’ under Blue Revolution Scheme, if so, the amount allocated during the year 2018-19;
- (b) the measures taken to adopt reforms towards responsible and sustainable fisheries to optimally utilize fishery resources in India;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that fish habitats and coral reefs in coastal regions are depleting, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is willing to create a programme for development of artificial fish habitats, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the estimated fish production in the country during the year 2019?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government has included “Mariculture” under Blue Revolution Scheme. The amount released for mariculture during the year 2018-19 is Rs.89.45 lakhs.
- (b) The measures taken to adopt reforms towards responsible and sustainable fisheries to optimally utilize fishery resources in the country are (i) implementation of Minimum Legal Size (MLS) for capture fish as recommended by Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), (ii) ban of destructive fishing practices such as bull trawling/pair trawling and use of poisons, chemicals etc. for fishing, (iii) restriction of fishing based on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) and use of LED lights for fishing except for squid jigging, (iv) mesh size regulation for fishing (v) enforcing adoption of square mesh at cod end of the trawl nets (vi) enforcing the uniform ban on fishing during monsoon period etc.
- (c) & (d) As per the information received from Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, the research analysis has indicated that the decline in coral reefs due to anthropogenic and climatic stressors. Decline in fish habitats due to lack of proper solid waste management especially non-degradable waste has been brought to the notice of the concerned State Governments. CMFRI is extending technical consultancy to State Fisheries Department of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Gujarat for installation of artificial fish habitats.
- (e) The estimated fish production in the country during the year 2019-20 is 15 million metric tonnes.
