

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1742
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JULY, 2022**

BLUE ECONOMIC POLICY

1742 . **SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR.SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalized and is set to launch Blue Economic Policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is set to form the National Blue Economic Council in the Country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the suggestions received from the key stakeholders and State Governments;
- (e) the progress made towards 'Swachh Prithvi, Swachh Sagar' on the lines of Swachh Bharat Mission; and
- (f) the other steps/initiatives being taken by the Government?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Earth Sciences is finalizing the National Policy on Blue Economy for the country.
- (b) A draft policy framework on India's Blue Economy has been prepared. The draft Blue Economy policy framework envisages the optimal utilization of all sectors of the maritime domain, (living, non-living resources, tourism, ocean energy, etc.) for sustainable development of coastal areas. This policy document contains key recommendations on National Accounting Framework for Blue Economy and Ocean Governance, Coastal Marine Spatial Planning and Tourism Priority, Marine Fisheries, Aquaculture and Fish Processing, Manufacturing, Emerging Industries, Trade, Technology, Services and Skill Development, Logistics, Infrastructure and Shipping, Coastal and Deep-Sea Mining and Offshore Energy and Security, Strategic Dimensions and International Engagement.
- (c) Yes Sir. The proposed National Blue Economy Advisory Council (BEAC) will have the Secretaries of relevant Ministries/ Depts. as members. It would also include Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of Coastal States and representatives from industry.

- (d) The draft policy document was put out for comments and feedback from general public and all relevant stakeholders. Many valuable comments/ suggestions received from ministries/ departments, parliament members, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), industry representatives and general public have been considered and the policy document has been revised accordingly.
- (e) There is no activity with the theme 'Swachh Prithvi, Swachh Sagar', however, an activity with the theme 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' is being implemented. This is a 75 days long coastal clean-up campaign for cleaning of at least 75 beaches along the coastal districts which started on 05th July 2022 and will culminate on 17th September 2022 the 'International Coastal Clean Up Day'. The activity is being organized by MoES jointly with Indian Coast Guard, MoEF& CC, MoYAS, NDMA, Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi and Government Departments, volunteer organizations, public and students.
- (f) The steps/initiatives would include support for awareness campaigns, competitions and workshops/seminars on the issues through Earth Day, Ocean Day etc in schools, colleges and Universities.
