

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEEP SEA FISHING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are taking any interest in deep sea fishing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of Government owned trawlers available at present?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government has taken the following steps for development of Deep Sea Fishing Sector:

- i) Six major fishing harbours completed for operation of deep sea vessels with 100% Central assistance.
- ii) A total of 872 Mates, 865 Engine Drivers, 527 Skippers Gr.II, 179 Engineers and one Skipper Gr. I have been trained by the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training for meeting the statutory requirements of deep sea fishing vessels.
- iii) The two Institutes viz., Fishery Survey of India and Integrated Fisheries Project under this Ministry has been carrying out exploratory and experimental fishing to generate data on the deep sea resources for use by entrepreneurs.
- iv) In the past the Government had financed acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels. Permission also granted for introduction of deep sea fishing vessels under joint venture scheme.
- v) Government has already constituted an Expert Group for formulation of a Comprehensive Policy for Marine Fisheries under the Chairmanship of Dr.K. Gopakumar, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Group is expected to submit its report shortly.

(c): There are 15 Government owned trawlers at present.