

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SEAFOOD POLICY
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any requests have been received by the Government to formulate a comprehensive seafood policy;
- (b) if so, the reasons and objectives for such a policy; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government of India had constituted an Expert Group for formulation of a Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy with the objective for sustainable exploitation of Indian fishery resources. The Group have submitted its report in June, 2001. Action has been initiated for examination of the recommendations of the Group for finalising a Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy.