

**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 propose to review the deep sea fishing policy and an expert group has been set up for the purpose; and
(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government have constituted an Expert Group on 28.12.1999 under the chairmanship of Dr. K.Gopakumar, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), I.C.A.R., for formulation of a comprehensive policy on marine fisheries. The terms of reference include a review of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy, which has been undertaken in pursuance of the recommendations of the Murari Committee. The terms of reference for the Expert Group are enclosed at Annexure-I, and the Committee is expected to submit its report by 30.9.2000.

Annexure-1

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERT GROUP

- i. To ascertain the present status of exploitation of marine fishery resources by the traditional (including motorised), mechanised and deep sea fishing vessel.
- ii. To formulate programmes for upgradation of the capabilities of the small-scale sector offish in deeper waters,
- iii. To fix area-wise resource specific deep sea fishing fleet like tuna long liners, purse seiners, squid jiggers, pole and long line fishing etc.
- iv. To evaluate the capacity of the present fishing deep sea fishing fleet and suggest modifications and redeployment, if necessary,
- v. To estimate and identify sources for meeting the investment requirements of the marine fisheries sector,
- vi. To assess the need for joint ventures, leasing, etc. with foreign fishing companies,
- vii. To identify the human resource development needs of the marine fisheries sector and formulate programmes for meeting such requirements, and
- viii. To suggest conservation measures taking into account the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and other global initiatives for sustainable development of marine fisheries.