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Title: Need for financial assistance for diversification of traditional fishing crafts to promote deep sea fishing by the traditional fishermen.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, the marine fishery resources of the country are available offshore and in deep sea. There is depletion of resources in the coastal sector, resulting from unsustainable fishing pressure. The National Fisheries Policy emphasise the need for promoting exploitation in the deep sea and oceanic waters to reduce the fishing pressure in the traditional fishing areas. The traditional fishing craft is not suitable for deep sea fishing. In order to promote deep sea fishing by the traditional fishermen, Central assistance may be given to the traditional fishermen to diversify their fishing crafts suitable for deep sea fishing and multi-day fishing in the deep sea. I would request that the NABARD, NSIC, NCDC etc. may be directed to give credit facilities at low interest rate to traditional fishermen for the diversification of their fishing crafts.