

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†443

TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

Promotion of Pearl Culture

†443. **SHRI RAMESHBHAI LAVJIBHAI DHADUK:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether steps have been taken in collaboration with Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and the State Government of Gujarat to promote pearl culture at Porbandar as there is huge potential of pearl production at Porbandar and it can provide new opportunities of employment there: and
- (b) if so , the details thereof;

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) & (b). Yes Sir. Steps have been taken in collaboration with the Fisheries Institutes of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) viz; Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and Central Institute of Fresh water Aquaculture (CIFA) and Government of Gujarat for promotion of pearl culture. Considering the scope for pearl culture, a sub-component of ‘pearl culture (marine & inland)’ is included under the CSS on “Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and management of Fisheries” being implemented by this Department and financial assistance is provided to the States for undertaking pearl culture. The CMFRI and CIFA also organize training programs for the farmers, entrepreneurs and researchers on various aspects of pearl farming.
