

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4113
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021**

BLUE ECONOMY POLICY

4113: SHRI T.R. BALU, SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT, SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU, SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK, SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA, MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE AND SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is planning to bring Blue Economy Policy in the country to tap the abundant oceanic resources and if so, the details and the salient feature thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has rolled out the Draft Blue Economy policy for India and invited suggestions and inputs from various stakeholders;
- (c) if so, the details of suggestions received by the Government so far from various stakeholders;
- (d) whether the Government has examined all these suggestions, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the draft policy is likely to be finalized; and
- (e) the likely contribution of the blue economy to India's GDP and the extent to which it is likely to be increased on finalization of said policy?

**ANSWER
MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. A draft policy framework on India's Blue Economy has been prepared. The draft Blue Economy policy framework envisages the optimal utilization of all sectors of the maritime domain, (living, non-living resources, tourism, ocean energy, security etc.) for sustainable development of coastal areas. This policy document contains key recommendations on National Accounting Framework for Blue Economy and Ocean Governance, Coastal Marine Spatial Planning and Tourism Priority, Marine Fisheries, Aquaculture and Fish Processing, Manufacturing, Emerging Industries, Trade, Technology, Services and Skill Development, Logistics, Infrastructure and Shipping, Coastal and Deep-Sea Mining and Offshore Energy and Security, Strategic Dimensions and International Engagement
- (b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) The suggestions and comments have not been compiled considering that the deadline for providing suggestions and comments is 31st March 2021.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) The blue economy which consists of economic activities dependent on marine resources comprises an estimated 4.1% of India's GDP. The extent to which the blue economy policy finalization would contribute to increase the GDP is not yet established.
