

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2360
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2022**

BLUE ECONOMY POLICY

2360. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is committed for the optimal utilisation of all sectors of the maritime- living, non-living resources, tourism, ocean energy, etc., for sustainable development of coastal areas in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has finalised the preparation of the Blue Economy policy of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) & (c) The draft policy document was prepared and put out for comments and feedback from general public and all relevant stakeholders. Many valuable comments/ suggestions received from ministries/ departments, parliament members, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), industry representatives and general public have been considered and the policy document has been revised accordingly. A Draft Cabinet Note has been prepared and circulated for Inter-Ministerial Consultations. The Comments/inputs received from the Ministries/Departments are being incorporated in the draft Cabinet Note accordingly.
- (d) Sensitization, conducting workshops, expert group formulation are being considered for implementation of policy once approved by the Cabinet.
