

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 192
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

CONSERVATION OF MARINE RESOURCES

192. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of Earth Sciences will be please to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to engage local communities to preserve and conserve marine resources, if so, the detail thereof; and**
- (b) has Government allotted any budget for conservation of marine life, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) The National Policy on Marine Fisheries, 2017 notified by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Fisheries, Government of India envisages the co-management system involving the local fishermen and their associations in conserving the marine fisheries resources. Further, the Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) advisories issued by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) an autonomous body under Ministry of Earth Sciences are not disseminated to the fisherman on the East and West coast of India during the breeding period for conservation of marine living resources.**
- (b) There is no specific budget for conservation of marine life in Ministry of Earth Sciences. However, the Blue Revolution scheme being implemented by the Department of Fisheries has a sub-component of 'Management of marine fisheries'.**
