

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3630
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH 2023**

MISSION BLUE ECONOMY

3630. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned and allotted for activities under Mission Blue Economy;
- (b) the number and names of fields/activities identified by the Government under Mission Blue Economy, including for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the steps taken for capacity building under the same; and
- (d) the status of the draft blue economy policy and consultations undertaken with States so far particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) does not have any programme/project named Mission Blue Economy. A draft National Policy on Blue Economy for the country has been prepared. However, no specific funds have been sanctioned for this activity by the Ministry.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Draft Blue Economy policy has been circulated for inter-ministerial consultation. Secretary MoES had written to the Chief Secretary and also to the Principal Secretary (Fisheries) of Andhra Pradesh for providing their views/comments on the draft Blue Economy Policy.
