

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4726
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 29th MARCH, 2023**

BLUE ECONOMY POLICY

†4726. **SHRI PINAKI MISRA:**

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Blue Economy Policy has been finalised by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons and proposed timeline therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has examined the suggestions received on the draft Blue Economy Policy;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the contribution of the Blue Economy to India's GDP and the extent to which it is likely to increase on finalisation of the Blue Economy Policy?

ANSWER

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

- (a) – (c) A draft National Policy on Blue Economy for the country has been prepared. The draft Blue Economy Policy document has been circulated for inter-ministerial consultations.
- (d) – (e) Inputs/comments from 18 Ministries/Departments and stakeholders in the Ocean sector have been received. The relevant suggestions are being incorporated in the draft Blue Economy Policy document.
- (f) The draft Blue Economy policy estimates that the contribution of Blue Economy to India's GDP is about 4% and its finalization with implementation strategy would lead to significant increase in the contribution of Blue Economy to India's GDP.
