

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2665
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021

**2665. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:
DR.KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that several fishermen from the State of Tamil Nadu have shown disagreement with several provisions of the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons, therefor?
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that the Bill will only lead to nation-wide protests and blockades of ports as the Bill does not have a single word about fishermen welfare, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of measures that have been taken by the Government to address the issues raised by fishermen against the Bill;
- (e) whether the Government has any details of the number of livelihoods, to be affected by the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (f) The suggestions and comments have been received from the stakeholders including Fishermen Associations from Tamil Nadu and other States regarding certain provisions of the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021. A series of consultation meetings have been held with the Fishermen Associations and other stakeholders including Hon'ble Members of Parliament representing coastal areas on the Draft of the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021. The provisions of the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021 have been revised taking into consideration the suggestions of the stakeholders including Fishermen Associations. The Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021 is for sustainable development, management and responsible utilization of marine fisheries resources in order to promote the livelihoods and socio-economic well-being of traditional and small-scale fishers.
