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विषय / Sub: Lok Sabha Question Dy No.1173 due for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding "Fishing Harbours".

Question (a) the steps being taken by the Government to modernize, green and expand India's fisheries infrastructure under initiatives such as Eco-Fishing Ports, Smart Harbours and the Blue Ports Initiative;

Reply:

The concept of Eco Fishing Ports is similar to the Blue Port Initiative of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO). The Eco Fishing Ports are to implement a comprehensive set of interventions designed to modernize infrastructure, promote sustainability, and strengthen governance. The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has signed an agreement of Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) for Strengthening of Blue Ports in India in March, 2025. Further, the Government of India had signed an agreement with French Development Bank (AFD) on Technical Cooperation between India and France on Blue Transformation of Fishing Harbours in December, 2024. These initiatives envision development of more numbers of Smart and Integrated Fishing Harbours in conformity with the Blue Port Initiatives in future. As part of AFD's TCP Government of India has conducted a workshop on development of Eco Fishing Port in May, 2025.

Question (b) Whether there are any targeted interventions being undertaken to integrate environmental sustainability, digital technologies and climate resilience in fishing harbours;

Reply:

Yes.

Question (c) If so, the details thereof;

Reply: The Government of India has undertaken targeted interventions to integrate environmental sustainability, digital technologies and climate resilience in fishing harbours, mainly through national flagship programmes and technical guidelines. The key elements are as below.

i) Environmental Sustainability Measures:

(1) Blue and Green Infrastructure:

- Renewable energy system such as solar power plant etc.,
- Rain water harvesting system
- Conversion of conventional electric lighting system to LED lighting system in existing facilities

(2) Ecosystem Protection:

- Environmentally sensitive harbour layout planning to minimize dredging and shoreline alteration.
- Mangrove and coastal vegetation protection / regeneration near harbour areas.
- Mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) compliance

ii) Digital technologies:

- IoT devices, sensors, communication networks, and data management systems
- software for data management, analysis and visualization
- communication infrastructure including internet connectivity, satellite communication systems and wireless networks
- networking equipment and cybersecurity measures
- training programs for fishermen
- GPS tracking devices, distress beacons, life jackets etc.
- surveillance cameras, drones, access control and other smart technologies
- Navigational and Radio- communication equipment.

iii) Climate Resilience:

- Design standards aligned with storm surge, wave and sea-level rise projections.

- Strengthened breakwaters, revetments and berthing structures.

Question (d) the details on collaborations with international agencies such as Agence Francaise de Developpement (French Development Agency), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and multilateral development banks for capacity building and financing in this regard?

Reply: The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has collaborated a Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation (FAO) in March, 2025 for technical assistance and capacity building in developing smart, blue and integrated fishery harbours in the country.

Under the FAO's Blue Ports Initiative programme, following webinars were organized by FAO and Department of Fisheries, Government of India:

- i. Webinar on "Sustainable Finance and Entrepreneurship" held on 25th June, 2025.
- ii. Webinar on "Capacity Building Programme towards Blue Port Initiatives" held on 18th September, 2025.
- iii. Webinar on "Automation and Digital Fishing Ports" for Capacity Building on 18th December, 2025.

Further, the Government of India also signed an agreement with French Development Bank (AFD) on Technical Cooperation between India and France on Blue Transformation of Fishing Harbors in December, 2024.

These initiatives would help in great way for developing sustainable fisheries sector particularly in development of fishery infrastructure in coming future.