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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the Twenty Seventh Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2021-22) of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Fisheries) to Lok Sabha today, the 17 March, 2021.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under:

Analysis of Demands	<p>While noting that despite proposing huge funds, the Department has not been able to fully utilize the funds allocated to it in the previous years, the Committee have recommended the Department to identify the lacunae and reasons for less utilization of funds and formulate a concrete action Plan for optimal utilization of funds allocated to it.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.1</p>
Status of Utilization of Certificates	<p>While observing huge pendency of Utilization Certificates from the various State Governments which ultimately leads to ineffective implementation of Schemes run by the Department, the Committee have recommended the Department to explore possibility of changing of funding pattern of its Schemes between centre and States either in ratio of 75:25 or 80:20 and the Government to suitably enhance the allocation of funds to the Department so that funding pattern for the Schemes can be changed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.3</p>
Development of Fishery Infrastructure	<p>While acknowledging the importance of Development of Modern Infrastructure in bringing down Post-harvest Losses from 25% in year 2018-19 to 10% by year 2024-25, which will ultimately augment the income of Fishermen, the Committee have desired the Department to make earnest efforts to realize and achieve the physical Targets set for Modernization of Harbours and Fish Landing Centres.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.5</p>

<p>Promoting Seaweed Cultivation</p>	<p>While noting the potential of Seaweed Cultivation in assuring higher and more stable income to marginal fishermen, the Committee have recommended the Department to devise concrete action plan to fully exploit the potential of Seaweed Cultivation in the Country. The Committee have also desired the Department to formulate Annual Action Plan for promotion of Seaweed Cultivation in those Coastal States of the Country-where Seaweed Cultivation is either absent or minimal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.6</p>
<p>Central Institute of Fisheries, Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET)</p>	<p>While expressing serious concern in the functioning of CIFNET in meeting the training requirements of Technical and Certified Personnel such as Skippers, Mates, Engineers and Engine Drivers of the Power Fishing Vessels due to lack of sufficient manpower on account of high Vacant Posts across different Groups in the Institute, the Committee have recommended the Department to make utmost efforts to fill vacant posts in CIFNET at the earliest so as to ensure smooth functioning of the Institute.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.8</p>