

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
EXTINCTION OF FISH SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of species of fish are on the verge of extinction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government so far to protect the species which are on the brink of extinction?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b)& (c)No species of fish is reported to be on the verge of extinction. However, Sea horses, Giant Grouper and a few species of elasmobranch, which include sharks, rays and skates are reported to be endangered. The details are at Annexure. The endangered species of fish have been included in the Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby giving it highest degree of protection. Hunting and trade of such specie and their parts and products is prohibited.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.53 DUI
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List of species that have been included in the Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

1. Rhincodon typus
2. Anoxypristis cuspidata
3. Carcharhinus hemiodon
4. Glyphis gangeticus
5. Glyphis glyphis
6. Himantura fluviatilis
- 7 Pristis microdon
8. Pristis zijsron
9. Rhynchobatus djiddensis
10. Urogymnus asperrimus
11. All Sygnathidians
12. Giant Grouper