

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of fish has diminished in the Arabian sea and Indian ocean after the Tsunami havoc;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted or proposed to be conducted to understand the phenomenon; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, a detailed study is proposed to be conducted by India Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) to understand the phenomenon.

(c): Study proposed to be conducted are:

- (i) Rapid assessment of the impact of Tsunami on the coral reef ecosystem of Andamans.
- (ii) Impact of Tsunami on the socio-economic conditions of communities in peninsular India.
- (iii) Impact of Tsunami on the coastal fish stocks.
- (iv) Impact assessment of Tsunami on the biodiversity of seagrass, seaweeds and mangroves of Andaman Islands.
- (v) Assessment of Tsunami impact on the coastal environment along the coasts of Tamil Nadu, Pondichery & Kerala.
- (vi) Development of sustainable models of Fish Aggregating Devices and its role in reducing the impact of tidal waves
- (vii) Assessment of post-tsunami microbial & chemical hazards of public health significance in seafoods.