

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN ON FISHERMEN  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has signed an agreement with Pakistan on fishermen issue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a similar agreement is likely to be signed with Sri Lanka;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of fishermen from Pakistan and Sri Lanka?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Navy and Coast Guard carry out regular surveillance and patrolling along the provisional International Maritime Boundary Line with Pakistan and International Maritime Boundary Line with Sri Lanka to ensure no harassment to our fishermen within Indian waters. A programme aimed at raising awareness amongst Indian fishermen about the implications of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line is also being conducted.