

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2429  
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EFFECT OF TSUNAMI ON MARINE FISHERIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by the Government on the effect of Tsunami on marine fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to create artificial cage in the sea to promote marine fishery growth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, the Planning Commission has identified critical areas to study the impact of Tsunami on marine fisheries and requested all the Tsunami affected States/UTs to take up the studies.

(c)&(d) Yes Sir, Ministry of Agriculture has undertaken a pilot project entitled 'Floating Cage Farm for Marine Fin Fish and Shellfish' through the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi. Besides, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad has taken up the work for establishment of open sea cage culture demonstration farms across the east and west coast of the country to promote mariculture.