

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN FISHERMEN RELEASED BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pakistani Authorities have released some of the Indian Fishermen recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of fishermen still lodged in Pakistani jails and also the number of fishing boats seized by the Pakistani authorities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) On 26th November 2008, Pakistan released 99 Indian fishermen.
- (c) As on 10th February 2009, there are 407 Indian fishermen and 392 Indian fishing boats in the custody of the Pakistani authorities.