

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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TUNA FISH  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Tuna fish production in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to purchase ships and equipment for Specialised catching of Tuna fish and to give training facilities in this regard to the fishermen in the country including Gujarat;and
- (c) if so, the details thereof

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) Tuna fish production in the country during the year 2008 was 93827.3 tonnes.
- (b)&(c) At present there is no proposal for purchase of ships and equipments by the Government for catching Tuna fish. However, the Fishery Survey of India operates Tuna Long Liners for survey and training to the fishermen sponsored by maritime State Governments. In addition, the Institute regularly conducts Open Houses, Fishermen meets etc for imparting training on different fishing technologies.