

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5460  
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ILLEGAL FISHING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether illegal fishing is going on in a large scale in the Indian seas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of boats and crews intercepted and detained by Indian authorities during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether it is a fact that Sri Lankan fishing boats have been entering in the Indian Waters for fishing;
- (e) if so, the number of Sri Lankan fishermen arrested and released during the said period;
- (f) the number of Indian fishermen arrested and released by the Sri Lankan Government during the same period; and
- (g) the number of Indian fishermen killed by the Sri Lankan Navy during the above period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE and FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) to (c): There are instances of Indian Coast Guard apprehending foreign vessels that have been found to fish illegally in Indian waters. During 2008-2011, Coast Guard has apprehended 375 foreign fishing boats and 2132 fishermen for illegal fishing.

(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. The details of Sri Lankan fishermen arrested and released during 2008-11 are as follows:

Year Arrested Released

Boat Crew Boat Crew

|      |     |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2008 | 73  | 362 | 37  | 190 |
| 2009 | 125 | 661 | 114 | 567 |
| 2010 | 67  | 352 | 87  | 445 |
| 2011 | 26  | 131 | 41  | 190 |

(f) The details of Indian fishermen arrested and released by the Sri Lankan Government are as follows:

Sl. Year Arrested Released

Boat Crew Boat Crew

(i) 2008 41 248 40 252

(ii) 2009 32 127 32 128

(iii) 2010 01 04 10 40

(iv) 2011 30 159 31 167

(g) As reported by the Indian Coast Guard, nine Indian fishermen have been killed during 2008-11.