

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:441
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2012
MURDER OF INDIAN FISHERMEN
Antony Shri Anto

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of murder of two fishermen by Italian Marines;
- (b) if so, give details thereof and the action taken by the Government to ensure the justice to the deceased fishermen;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to help the deceased's families; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Yes. Two Italian navy personnel on board an Italian Merchant Vessel "Enrica Lexie" allegedly opened fire on an Indian fishing vessel on February 15, 2012 resulting in the death of two Indian fishermen on board an Indian fishing vessel off the coast of Kerala. The Italian merchant vessel is currently in Kochi. The two Italian navy personnel suspected of shooting at the Indian fishermen have been detained by Kerala police authorities and presented in the court. All matters relating to this incident are currently sub-judice and being heard by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and also the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate of Kollam.