

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXTINCTION OF FISH SPECIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of fish species have become extinct due to over-exploitation and pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the special measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for protection and conservation of the endangered fish species?

Answer

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

- (a) No. Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Endangered fish species are protected by the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. In addition, ex-situ gene banks have been established/proposed in the country by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as recovery plans for selected endangered fish species.