

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TUNA FISHING IN EEZ
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Fishery Survey of India has surveyed the extent of Tuna fish resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ);
- (b) the approximate catch of such Tuna during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India needs more Tuna boats in the EEZ; and
- (d) if so, the measures proposed to permit more Tuna boats in the EEZ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Tuna catch during last 3 years and 2011-12 (upto June 2012) is as follows:

(in tonnes)

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (upto June)
93827.30	72398.80	73613.45	41475.06

- (c) & (d): Yes. As per the approved fleet plan, 54 more Tuna Long Liners may be allowed for sustainable exploitation of tuna resources in Indian EEZ.