

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4631  
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DEEP SEA FISHING  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has set targets for deep sea fisheries production and operation of deep sea trawlers and fishing boats for the 12th Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the targets have been revised downward recently;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to expand the capacity of deep sea fisheries in the EEZ and other areas; and
- (f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b): No, Madam.

(c)& (d): Does not arise.

(e)& (f): The fleet plan in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is based on the report of the Working Group for revalidating the potential of fishery resources in the Indian EEZ, which is constituted by the Government from time to time. As per the latest report of the working group for revalidating the potential of fishery resources in the Indian EEZ submitted in 2011, the potential yield of the Indian EEZ is revalidated as 4.41 million tonnes, which is higher by about 0.5 million tonnes as compared to the previous estimate.