

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2289

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MEETING OF FISHERMEN ASSOCIATIONS FROM INDIA AND SRI LANKA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has arranged a meeting between the representatives of Fishermen Associations from India and Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which such a meeting will be convened?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) During the 4th meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries on 13-14 January 2013, both sides agreed to encourage a continued dialogue process between the fishermen's communities of the two countries through regular meetings. In this context, Government has approached the Government of Tamil Nadu to indicate dates for the meeting at the earliest.

Government continues to remain engaged with the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure that fishermen on both sides can continue to pursue their livelihood in a safe, secure and sustainable manner.