

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3106
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2012
ILLEGAL AND UNREGULATED FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether species like 'Cat fish, Bombay duck and Pomfret' are diminishing on the verge of extinction due to rise in illegal and unregulated fishing in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any demand from the National Fishermen's Forum to protect these species from illegal and unregulated fishing;
- (c) if so the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The landing data given below indicates that the average annual landings of these species have, in fact, increased in the last decade (2001-10) compared with previous decade(1991-2000).

Sl No.	Name of the species	Average annual landings(in tonnes)
		1991-2000 2001-2010

1.	Catfish	44,128 66,455
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2.	Pomfret	40,563 45,116
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3.	Bombay duck	1,06,337 1,12,967
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