

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION TO DOMESTIC FISH  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Chinese fishes like silver, grass and kanan carp are extinguishing domestic fishes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the domestic fishes?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) The Chinese common carp was introduced in India in 1937, which was subsequently included in the aquaculture system. Later, the other Chinese carps viz. silver carp and grass carp were introduced in 1959 as candidate species for carp polyculture system in the country. These three exotic carps formed important component in carp polyculture system along with the three Indian major carps which contributed to enhance the production and productivity in the freshwater aquaculture of the country over these years. However, in certain cases introduction (planned/accidental) of these exotic species in open waters like reservoirs and rivers caused competition with endemic species. Further, these species have also established breeding population in several riverine systems affecting indigenous stocks.

(c) Suitable guidelines have been issued to State Governments for fisheries management in reservoirs to govern programmes for production enhancement in such open water systems.