

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1901  
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DEATH OF INDIAN FISHERMAN .  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an Indian fisherman was allegedly killed by pirates near Bahrain , recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned Government;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian fishermen in territorial waters?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) to (d) An Indian fisherman Shri Thomas Glattus Soosai was killed by pirates in the early hours of 22nd May, 2014 in deep sea near Bahrain. According to the Bahraini Coast Guard authorities, a fishing boat with seven Indian fishermen on board was attacked by a pirate ship. Upon resistance, the pirates opened fire in which Thomas Glattus Soosai was killed. Our Embassy in Bahrain has taken up the issue of security of Indian fishermen with the concerned authorities in the Government of Bahrain, who have assured to take all necessary measures to enhance the security and safety of Indian fishermen in Bahraini waters.

(e) Government attaches the highest importance to the safety, security and welfare of Indian fishermen and is taking all measures to ensure that the fishermen can pursue their livelihood in a safe, secure and sustainable manner.