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Depletion in Fish Stock

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is depletion of many species of fish in the country due to over fishing in the seas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the species affected by over fishing in seas; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the fish stock of such affected species?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b) Fishery Survey of India, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India, responsible for the marine fishery resource survey in the country, have not reported any depletion in fish species in their periodic stock assessment reports. However, according to the fish landing statistics collected by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi some of the marine species are reported to be depleted during the last few years with overfishing as one of the reasons cited. The major species / groups reported by the CMFRI to be affected are oil sardine, croakers and some clupeids.

(c) Measures taken up by the Government to increase the fish stock of such affected species are:

- i. Observation of Uniform fishing ban in all coastal states and Union Territories
- ii. Awareness campaign and stakeholders meeting in all maritime states on importance of conservation and sustainable use of marine fishery resources are being arranged.
- iii. Deployment of Artificial Reefs (ARs) along coastal waters by the State Government concerned
- iv. Restriction on catching of juveniles by below minimum legal size of fish species by the State Government concerned.
