

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4957  
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2014  
PROTECTION OF MAHSEER FISH  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Mahseer fish comes under the category of protected species in the wildlife schedule;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of aquatic animals under the said category;
- (c) whether the Union Government has imposed a ban on the sport of Mahseer angling in the river Cauvery and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations to revoke the ban; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) and (b) Mahseer fish has not been listed under the Schedules of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. However, any species found inside a Protected Area is protected by virtue of it being found there. The details of aquatic species listed in Schedules of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 are at Annexure. The species are listed under various Schedules of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 in accordance with Section 61 of the Act and based on the scientific findings and status of the species in the wild.

(c) Section 2(37) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 defines "wild life" as any animal, aquatic or land vegetation which forms part of any habitat. Further, as per Section 29 of the said Act, no person shall destroy, exploit or remove any wildlife including forest produce from a sanctuary, except with a permission granted by the Chief Wildlife Warden and no such permit shall be granted unless the State Government being satisfied in consultation with the Board that such removal of wild life from the sanctuary is necessary for the improvement and better management of wild life therein. Section 29 applies mutatis mutandis on Cauvery Sanctuary also.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.