

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HILSA FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to monitor and control Hilsa Fishing in the deep sea and coastal areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken so far by the government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, A National Plan of Action for Hilsa with involvement of several stakeholders including State Governments is under implementation. The Central and the State Governments have conservation policies through various legislation to improve the Hilsa Fishery in the country. Among them are important amendments brought into the West Bengal Marine Fisheries Regulation Act 1993 and West Bengal Inland Fisheries Rule 1985. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has taken up a project on stock characterization, captive breeding, seed production and culture of hilsa involving 7 Research Institutions.