

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4913
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MISSING FISHERMEN
Raajhaa Shri Anwhar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that many Indian fishermen including 24 fishermen from Tamil Nadu have been missing/disappeared from the coastal area of Gujarat while fishing due to the recent Nilofar cyclone which severely affected the west coast line of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to save the fishermen?

Answer

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

(a) No fishermen was reported to be missing or disappeared from the coastal area of Gujarat due to the cyclone Nilofar.

(b) Based on the Met warnings and cyclone prediction, advisories to State Governments and local Administrations of coastal districts of Gujarat were issued by Indian Coast Guard for preventive action to minimize damages. Indian Coast Guard ships and aircraft were also deployed to call back fishing vessels operating at sea. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post Harvest Operations provides financial assistance to fishers through State Government for supply of safety kit consisting of GPS, communication equipment, echo-sounder and search & rescue beacon to fishermen.