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Title : Need to take steps for early release of 227 Indian Fishermen held captive by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) .

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD): 227 Fishermen were captured by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency on 12 December, 2005. Besides, this 242 boats were also captured by the Agencies alongwith them. Some Fishermen and boats have also been captured by Pakistani Security Agency recently. Till today no boats and fishermen have been released i.e. more than 227 Fishermen and 242 boats have to be released which are in their custody. Moreover, till today no assessment had been made to find out the exact quantum of losses these fishermen have suffered due to loss of livelihood or boat on account of their being in custody. The Government of India may consider taking this House into confidence about the efforts made so far to get the 227 Fishermen and 242 boats released urgently which are in the custody of P.M.S.A.