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Title : Need to take up the issue of release of Indian fishermen held captive by Pakistani Coast Guards with the Government of Pakistan.

SHRI BHARATSINH MADHAVSINH SOLANKI (ANAND): This is to bring the notice of the Government that the fishermen of Gujarat are attacked by rocket launchers by Pakistani Coast Guards even though they fish in International waters, It is learnt that the Pakistani Coast Guards are doing all these acts with a view to impound their expensive fishing boats. At present 450 fishermen and 275 fishing boats are under the custody of Pakistani Coast Guards and many lives have been lost in the process.

I request the Government to take the matter strongly with the Pakistani Government for long term measures and provide protection to our fishermen and consider compensation to the deceased fishermen in such incidents.

* Treated as laid on the Table.