

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022

Depleting fish stocks

2350. SHRI LUIZINHO JOAQUIM FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the traditional fishermen in Goa are facing difficult times due to depleting fish stocks;
- (b) whether massive illegal trawling with LED lights are taking away the fish even during the spawning period when they lay eggs; and
- (c) whether the coastal police does not have even a single boat in working condition to chase the trawlers and implement the ban on illegal fishing?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The marine fish production from Goa State for the last five years 2016-17 to 2020-21 ranged between 1.01-1.18 lakh tonnes and as such there is no substantial decrease in fish catch. Besides, there is no report received regarding depletion in fish stock in coast of Goa State.

(b) & (c): The destructive fishing practices such as paired or Bull trawling and use of artificial lights/ LED lights for fishing are banned in the Exclusive Economic Zone of India (EEZ) beyond the territorial waters vide Order dated 10.11.2017. The Union Government has also advised the Coastal States and Union Territories from time to time to issue necessary Orders to prohibit destructive fishing methods including use of LED lights for fishing. The Government of Goa vide its Order dated 10.05.2016 has also prohibited the use or installation of LED lights on mechanized fishing vessel or motorized fishing crafts. The Department of Fisheries, Government of Goa has reported that it has strictly enforced the monsoon fishing ban period and that it regularly conducts patrolling within the territorial waters of the State. Besides, the State Government has sanctioned 02 fast interceptor patrol boats for coastal security.
