

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

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1610. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as many as 28 fishermen were picked up by Pakistani marines from Gujarat bordering Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Government of Pakistan; and
- (d) if so, their reaction thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) As per information available, 482 Indian fishermen are believed to be in Pakistan's custody, including 91 fishermen who have been reportedly detained by Pakistan after 01 July 2018.

The Government has, upon receipt of reports of apprehension of Indian fishermen, immediately taken up the matter with Pakistan through diplomatic channels and sought consular access and their early release and repatriation, along with boats.

Pakistan has, so far, acknowledged custody of 391 fishermen. The Government continues to consistently call upon Pakistan to ensure safety, security and well-being of the Indian fishermen in their custody and release and repatriate them expeditiously.
