

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2022

24/7 Helpline Office under Fisheries

5300. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has data of fishermen captured by Sri Lanka navy and Pakistan authorities while fishing for allegedly crossing international borders;
- b) if so, the details of people who are detained and boats which are confiscated;
- c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to facilitate a 24/7 helpline office under fisheries department to help the fishermen and their families; and
- d) whether the Government will help the families of those fishermen who are captured by authorities of other countries for legal aids and financial support?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): As per the available data, at present there are 577 Indian fishermen and reportedly 1164 fishing boats are in the custody of Pakistan while 23 Indian fishermen and 19 fishing boats are in Sri Lankan custody.

(c): The Government of Tamil Nadu has established a Central Control Room at Commissionerate of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare in Chennai.

(d): The Government of India accords the highest priority to the welfare, safety and security of Indian fishermen. All possible assistance including legal assistance is extended to the fishermen for their early release and repatriation alongwith the release of their boats. Government of Tamil Nadu supports the families of apprehended fishermen by providing daily allowance of Rs. 250/- to maximum of Rs. 7500/- per month to them whereas Government of Gujarat has been implementing a family relief scheme for providing financial assistance of Rs. 300/ per day to the family of State's fishermen who have been captured by Pakistan security agency during the period fishermen remain in Pakistan custody.
