

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 441  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**Decline in Fish Catch on Kerala's Coast**

**441. Dr. Shashi Tharoor:**

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual volume of catch of oil sardine and mackerel on Kerala's coast during the last ten years;

(b) whether the Government or Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has conducted any study to assess the decline in the catch of famous fishes on Kerala's coast, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government would consider studying or researching the above mentioned issue and suggest measures to overcome it?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING  
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a): As per the information received from Government of Kerala, the annual Landings (in tonnes) of catch of oil sardine and mackerel along Kerala coast for the last 10 years is given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Oil Sardine</b>	<b>Mackerel</b>
2014	1,55,087	52,053
2015	68,431	70,079
2016	45,958	47,253
2017	1,26,988	33,336
2018	77,093	80,568
2019	44,320	40,554
2020	13,154	55,725
2021	3,297	56,029
2022	1,10,267	1,01,114
2023	1,38,976	73,193
<b>Total (2014-23)</b>	<b>7,83,571</b>	<b>6,09,904</b>

(b): The estimated landings from the fish landing centres and fishing harbours of Kerala indicate that the overall trend is stable for the major fish stocks. The per unit effort landings too is exhibiting almost near stable trend line. Unusual upheavals have been noted during the COVID-19 pandemic impacted year viz. 2020 and 2021.

(c): Does not arise.

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