

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st April, 2025**

Fishing Net Industry

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

- (a) the details and current market size of the India fishing net industry and projections for growth through 2030, including expected increase in demand for both synthetic and sustainable fishing nets;
- (b) the details and the percentage increase in the use of eco-friendly materials in fishing nets over the past five years and specific measures taken to promote the use of these materials in the fishing industry; and
- (c) the details of synthetic materials that have contributed to the industry's growth in recent years and the steps taken to invest in R&D to keep Indian manufacturers competitive in the global market?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)**

(a) to (c): The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has informed that currently there is approximately 20,000 to 25,000 tonnes of total fish net production in the country, for which growth is around 5% per annum. The ICAR-CIFT has further informed that synthetic fibre of Nylon contributes 45-50 % with major share by nylon monofilament and High density Polyethylene (HDPE) contributes 35-40% of the synthetic materials that have contributed to the Fishing Net Industry's growth and other synthetic fibres have 5% contribution. Standard under Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are available for various fishing gear materials to keep Indian manufacturers competitive in the global market. The ICAR-CIFT, Kochi has also informed that the research and development for ecofriendly fishing materials for fishing nets is going on.
