GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING & FISHERIES

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 491

TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2015

**BIG BUSINESS HOUSES VENTURING IN FISHING SECTOR**

491. DR. T. N. SEEMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

be pleased to state:

1. Whether in recent past, several big Indian business houses have ventured in fishing sector by leasing in big foreign vessels employing international crew, if so, the details thereof;
2. Whether these vessels are allowed mid-sea export without landing their catches on the shore and also that there is huge loss of the export based revenue earned by Government;
3. If so, the reaction of Government thereto and the mechanism existing with Government to record the quantity of fish they take from Indian waters; and
4. the steps taken by Government to prevent small fishermen getting affected by such big players?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE:

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) : No, Sir. There is no policy which permits foreign vessels to fish in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

(b) to (d) : Do not arise.

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