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Title: Need to set up a committee of experts to study use of formaldehyde for preservation of fish.

ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR (SOUTH GOA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the use of Formaldehyde to extend the shelf life of fish from production to marketing stage.

Fish is an important source of human protein and is staple diet of the people living across the coastal areas of our nation.

Considering the serious impact of use of formaldehyde, many State Governments viz. Assam, Nagaland, Goa etc. have recently initiated action in the matter by imposing ban on import of fish.

The use of formaldehyde has caused fear and anxiety in the minds of the people at large, in spite of the steps taken by the respective Governments.

I would, therefore, request the Central Government to set up a Committee of Experts to conduct a study into the use of formaldehyde and spread awareness about its impact on public health.