

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:227  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2006  
SEIZURE OF SHARK FINS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Wildlife Department had made a seizure of shark fins worth Rs. 10 lakhs in Puri in 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed/taken to prevent its recurrence?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by Government of Orissa, 3 cases of seizure of shark fins/meat near the sea-shore at Penthakata near Puri were registered by Khurda Forest Division on 8.02.2001. Since there is no legal trade in these products, the value of the seized fins/meat was not assessed at the time of seizure and burial. Details of the cases are placed at Annexure.

(c) Steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents are as follows:

- (i) Increased patrolling along the sea coast and in adjoining areas
- (ii) Strengthened information, communication network and surveillance of suspects.
- (iii) The District Fisheries Officer, Puri has been alerted through the District Collector, Puri to take appropriate immediate action as per law with the help of local Police/Forest Officials to prevent fishing of sharks and rays.
- (iv) All sharks are listed under Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 affording maximum protection against hunting and trade.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 227 FOR REPLY ON 20.02.2006 REGARDING SEIZURE OF SHARK FINS**

S.No. OR Case No. and date Seized Produce Name of Accused

1 OR No. 44 of 2001/02 Shark fins - 10 kg Shark Sri Jaganath RaoS/o Appa  
dated 8.12.2001 meat -1 Quintal RaoPenthakata, Puri

2 OR No. 45 of 2001/02 Shark fins - 15 kg Sri Chakya V. RajuS/o Kamraj  
dated 8.12.2001 Penthakata, Puri

3 OR No. 44 of 2001/02 Shark fins - 10 kg Sri RahatullahS/o Saula Henda  
dated 8.12.2001 Penthakata, Puri