

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF FISH SAFARI IN HARYANA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware than 67 out of 120 species of fish found in Haryana have become extinct during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to set up Fish Safari in Haryana for the preservation of fish species?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): As per study conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institute, out of 112 species available in Haryana in year 1966-67 has now reduced to 55.
- (b): Reasons for depletion includes high siltation in the river Yamuna and Ghaggar, increased pollution due to release of sewage and industrial effluent and abstraction of water from the rivers for multipurpose use.
- (c): Government of Haryana has declared upper reaches of river Yamuna as fish Sanctuaries to avoid commercial fishing and River ranching is done every year to restore depleting species. However, there is no provision under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in place at present for setting up of fish safari.