

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TUNA FISH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) is carrying out survey on the coast of Andhra Pradesh to find out the presence of Tuna fish ;
- (b) If so, the details and findings thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Ministry is coordinating with Ministry of Commerce with regard to export of Tuna fish to Japan and other countries; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Two vessels namely Matsya Drushti and Mechanised Fishing Vessel Blue Marlin are carrying out survey operations on the coast of Andhra Pradesh for Tuna resources using monofilament long line and multifilament long line gears respectively. The survey results indicated occurrence of Yellow fin Tuna as pre dominant species in the area.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture interacts with Ministry of Commerce (Marine Product Export Development Authority) periodically or as and when required to promote export of fish and fish products including Tuna fish to Japan and other countries.