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Title: Need to lift the ban on fishing of white, red and black variety of Sea-cucumbers.

SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA (RAMANATHAPURAM): Fishing is a traditional occupation for the Tamil fishermen whose lives are now swayed by waves of misery. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has banned the catch of 62 rare sea-species including the traditionally and commonly netted Sea-Cucumber. A female sea-cucumber lays 10 lakh eggs at a time in a year. It is not an extinct species. No other country of the world has imposed such a non-pragmatic ban. Tamil poor-fishermen are booked under non-bailable offences even for incidental-catches, whereas the poachers of neighbouring-countries carry on with such catches. Hence, I urge upon the Government to lift the ban on catching White, Red and Black-variety Sea-Cucumbers that are part of our traditional medicine-system.