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Title: Need to set up a separate department of Fisheries and Fishermen welfare.

SHRI CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANGA (PALGHAR): The fishermen communities are residing in coastal States such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal and Union territories of Diu and Daman and Puducherry. The population of the fishermen community is more than ten crores but unfortunately Fisheries has remained a Department under the Ministry of Agriculture for the past 65 years of Independence.

The national Fisheries Forum and other Fishermen representatives have demanded from time to time to establish a separate Department for Fisheries but till today no separate Department has been established. I, therefore, request the Government to establish Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare.