

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3401**  
**ANSWERED ON-16.12.2016**

Compensation to fishermen caught by Pakistan Army

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- (a) whether there is any provision to provide compensation to the fishermen captured by the Pakistan Army;
- (b) if so, the amount given to such fishermen; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is contemplating to launch any scheme to provide compensation to such poor fishermen?

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
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(a) to (c) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had in March, 2009 launched a Non-Plan scheme of Soft Loan Package for Replacement of Fishing Vessels held in captivity in Pakistan. Under this scheme, capital subsidy to the tune of 30% cost of each vessel, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 6 lakh is provided to each vessel owner for replacement of his/her fishing vessel seized in Pakistan. An amount of Rs. 750 lakh has been released up to December, 2014 to the Marine Products Export Development Authority(MPEDA), Department of Commerce, being the designated implementing agency under the scheme. MPEDA has reported that assistance under this scheme has been provided to a total of 125 beneficiaries utilising the full amount released so far.

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