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# Q NO.29 CAPTURING OF INDIAN FISHERMEN BY SRI LANKAN NAVY

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.29  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.04.2015

## CAPTURING OF INDIAN FISHERMEN BY SRI LANKAN NAVY

29. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sri Lankan Navy captured fifty four Indian fishermen on 21st March 2015 much before the talk, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Fifty four Indian Fishermen were apprehended by Sri Lankan Navy on 21st March 2015 for fishing in Sri Lankan waters. Government attaches the highest importance to the safety, security and welfare of Indian fishermen. As soon as this incident was brought to the notice of the Government, it was taken up immediately with the Sri Lankan authorities for their expeditious release. As a result of Government's steadfast efforts, all the fifty four Indian Fishermen were released by the Sri Lankan side and have since then been repatriated to India.

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