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Please refer to your RTI Application No. 80198 dated 24 December 2014 and received in this Ministry on 1 January 2015

2. The Applicant has requested for the following information:

Question: Some months back I applied for the Katchatheevu Issue, I too got it and thanks for giving me the detail. Now I need to know a thing.

- i. Is Katchatheevu given to Sri Lanka by passing orders in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- ii. If orders are passed, I need a copy of order passed in both Lok and Rajya Sabha.
- 3. The information sought by the applicant is as follows:

Katchatheevu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) that was delineated by the 1974 agreement "(Agreement on the boundary in Historic Waters between the two countries and Related Matters, signed at Colombo on 26 June 1974 and at New Delhi on 28 June 1974)". Under the Agreement, Indian fishermen are allowed access to Katchatheevu Island for rest, for drying of nets and for the annual St. Anthony's festival. Both these agreements were subsequently laid before the Parliament. The Katchatheevu Island issue is, however, currently sub-judice with two Writ Petitions [Nos. 561 (2008) and 430 (2013)] filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India."

4. In case you prefer to appeal, you may write to Smt. Suchitra Durai, Joint Secretary (SM & IOR) & Appellate Authority, SM & IOR Division, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi - 110011 within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

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