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The High Commission of India has seen reports in the media attributing the delay in the repatriation of 100 Indian fishermen detained by Pakistan to a request made by India. The High Commission of India received the formal communication in this regard from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan late evening on 22 December 2009. While welcoming the release of the fishermen, the High Commission immediately requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan to forward the list of the fishermen who were to be released. The list was made available at 1230 hrs on 23.12.2009. Arrangements to receive the fishermen, together with completion of necessary formalities are underway and will be completed expeditiously. It is hoped that the remaining Indian fishermen in custody in Pakistan will also be released at the earliest.

The release of Pakistani fishermen in Indian custody, whose nationality has been verified by the Pakistani High Commission in India, is also being processed.

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