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Paddar Elish scarcity in Assam



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Guwahati : There is an acute shortage of Paddar Elish, the delicious Hilsa from Bangladesh so widely popular in Assam. Bangladesh has banned the export citing acute shortage in Bangladesh internally. Retail prices of Hilsa have gone up significantly almost 250-350 per kg Efforts have been made by traders to compensate the Hilsa lover by importing from Myanmar and Hooghly in West Bengal but without much success. Hilsa has a high demand in Assam, Bengal and the neighbouring northeastern states. Hilsa is found in abundance in the rivers of Bangladesh, with the Hilsa that lives in the Padma river being especially famous for its taste. A significant percentage of the catch was being exported to India before the ban.

The Hilsa from Bangladesh comes to Assam through Karimganj and Tripura. On a daily basis 6-7 trucks enter Assam from Agartala and 3-4 trucks from Karimganj. Meanwhile India is considering retaliating by banning the export of rice to Bangladesh. This may have the desired effect as sources from the Bangladesh Government indicated that there are considering lifting the ban



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