

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding export of aqua products.**

**SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):** Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. ... (*Interruptions*) This issue is regarding the aqua industry and the Commerce Ministry. ... (*Interruptions*) It is a very well-known fact that 70 per cent of the aqua export from India happens from Andhra Pradesh, to the tune of Rs.25,000 crore per year. ... (*Interruptions*)

There are lakhs of farmers who are involved in the aqua industry and all these farmers are taxpayers. They all pay the tax. But for the last two months, the prices have crashed. The prices have crashed for two reasons. One reason is that the exports that are happening from Andhra Pradesh to USA has been discontinued. Most of these exports are happening from Ecuador to USA because of the proximity and the freight cost. This is market dynamics, of course, we cannot do anything.

But the second reason is this. The export that is happening from Andhra Pradesh to China has been stopped because of some audit that has happened from the Chinese Government. So, most of these processing plants have been closed. Not only in India, but in Indonesia and Vietnam also it has happened. But the Governments of Vietnam and Indonesia have been pursuing with the Chinese Government to make sure that they open it. We have made a lot of representations. Andhra Pradesh Government has made a lot of representations, and has also spoken to the people concerned in the Chinese Government, to make sure that these processing plants are opened. For the last two months nothing has happened. A number of farmers are involved in this. I would request the Commerce Minister to take up this issue seriously.

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