

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRAWN PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of prawn processing industries in organised and unorganised sectors in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the foreign exchange earned by the Government by exporting prawn during the last three years in Indian currencies;
- (c) whether Government propose to provide more incentives to set up such new prawn processing units; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in that direction ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): The information is given in Annexure.

(b): Foreign exchange earned by exporting prawn during the last three years in Indian currencies are given below :-

Year	(Rs. In Crores)
1997 - 1998	- 3140.56
1998 - 1999	3344.91
1999 - 2000	- 3298.47
(April - Feb)	

(c) & (d): Yes. Under Plan Scheme of Deptt.of Food Processing Industries, assistance is provided in the form of grant/loan for setting up new prawn processing units.

ANNEXURE

Processing, Freezing, Accelerated freeze drying and Canning are the prawn processing industries in organised sector. In India there are 575 Pre-processing centres, 394 Freezing plants, 3 Accelerated freeze drying plants and 13 Canning plants registered with the Marine Products Export Dev. Authority (MPEDA) as on 29.02.2000 in the organised sector. The information pertaining to the same in the unorganised sector is not available with MPEDA or Department of Food Processing Industries. The State-wise break-up of processing establishments registered with MPEDA is as follows:-

State	Pre- Processing plants	Freezing plants	AFD Plants	Canning plants
Kerala	345	127	1	3
Tamil Nadu	30	43	0	0
Karnataka	16	13	1	7
Andhra Pradesh	50	52	0	0
Goa	5	5	0	3
Gujarat	70	61	1	0
Orissa	13	17	0	0
Maharashtra	33	42	0	0
West Bengal	13	34	0	0
TOTAL	575	394	3	13

