

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EXPORT OF FISH PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish a separate Inland Fish Products Export Authority;
- (b) whether the MPEDA is not geared to properly regulate and assist the fish and shrimp farmers who are exporting their catch from their farms;
- (c) the steps proposed to give separate and closer attention and assistance for exports of shrimp reared in farms in Andhra Pradesh and other coastal areas; and
- (d) the steps proposed to boost such exports?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a) No Sir.

(b) As per the Marine Products Export Development Authority Act 1972, MPEDA is responsible for the development of the marine products industry with special reference to exports. The measures MPEDA has taken include, inter-alia, developing and regulating off-shore and deep-sea fishing , fixing standards and specifications for marine products for exports, regulating the export of marine products and registering exporters of marine products. In order to tap the potential, of commercial aquaculture of shrimp for exports, MPEDA initiated techno-financial activities/schemes for assisting the shrimp farmers in promoting the prawn farming activities in various maritime states in India. MPEDA have also been assisting the seafood industry of India in modernising its facilities and upgradation of quality etc.

(c)&(d) The technical assistance and the financial assistance including training organised by MPEDA for promoting the prawn farming aimed at boosting their exports are available for implementation in various maritime states including the state of Andhra Pradesh. Some of the steps initiated by MPEDA for promoting the export of shrimp from India include advising shrimp farmers to adopt preventive measures against occurrence of disease, setting up PCR/Dot Blot testing facilities in Regional Centres of MPEDA monitoring ponds for providing assistance to undertake proper farming management , initiating a project through NACA (Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia Pacific), Thailand for extending technical assistance for shrimp disease management, extending subsidy assistance for setting up Effluent Treatment System in shrimp farms and keeping farmers aware of the latest market trends etc.