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SHIFTING OF OFFICE OF MPEDA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to shift the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) from Cochin to Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the percentage share of marine exports from Kerala has come down in the overall marine exports from the country;
- (c) if so, the logic to retain the base of MPEDA at Kerala when the East Coast is now the main base of marine exports; and
- (d) the steps proposed to gradually shift the headquarters of MPEDA to the East Coast, in particular Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) The exports of marine products during the last three years effected through the ports in the State of Kerala have been as follows:-

YEAR Exports from India Exports from Kerala % share of exports from Kerala
to total exports from India

Rs.crore Rs.crore Rs.crore

Quantity MT Value Quantity MT Value Quantity MT Value

1997-98	385818	4697.48	89366	948.03	23.16	20.18
1998-99	302934	4626.87	70641	816.56	23.32	17.65
1999-00	343031	5116.67	92148	1146.96	26.86	22.42

As such the exports through the State of Kerala do not show a pattern of decline. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have a number of formations to cater to the requirements of the East Coast viz., Regional Office at Chennai, Calcutta & Vizag, Sub-Regional Office at Bhubaneswar and Prawn Farming Regional Centres at Bhubaneswar & Vijayawada and Prawn Farming Sub-Regional Centres at Calcutta & Bhimavaram. Moreover, Kerala continues to be a nerve-centre for the fishing and export related activities.