

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:331  
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006  
EXPORT OF SHRIMP  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity and value of shrimps exported during each of the last three years till date;
- (b) whether the prices of Indian shrimps has been declining in the international markets during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the loss suffered as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI KAMAL NATH )

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 331 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH MARCH 2006 REGARDING 'EXPORT OF SHRIMP'.

(a): As per the export figures compiled by MPEDA, on the basis of shipping bills and invoices, the export of frozen shrimp to the major importing countries during the last three years and the current year (upto December, 2005) have been as follows :

Year    Quantity    Value  
(In Metric Tonne) (In US \$ Million)

2002-03	134815	953.44
2003-04	129768	876.64
2004-05	138085	938.41
2005-06	109951	749.44

(upto Dec`05)

(b) & (c): The average unit value of Indian shrimps in our major importing countries during the last three years and the current year (upto December, 2005) were as follows:

Average unit price US \$ per kg.

Country	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
	(upto Dec`05)			

USA	8.11	8.18	8.86	8.54
European Union	4.88	5.12	5.33	5.31
Japan	8.29	7.31	7.43	7.61

Thus, there has been marginal decline in the average prices of shrimp in some of the markets. The prices get determined by the market forces and that in turn also affects the profitability of exports.

(d): The Marine Products Export Development Authority have been extending financial assistance aimed at implementing programmes for capacity building, upgradation of processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, assistance for production of value added products and marketing support, in order to facilitate the growth of marine products export.