

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:203
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2007
FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India ranks very low in the list of world's fish producing countries despite having a long coastline and a large number of rivers and ponds;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the export of fish products from the country during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the export of fish in view of its vast potential in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.203 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH AUGUST, 2007.

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The details of the export of fish products from the country is presented as below:

Exports of Marine Products from Country during 2003-04 to 2005-06

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs.Crores)
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2003-04	412017	6091.95
2004-05	482223	6459.89
2005-06	551282	7018.68

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir.

The Government has taken several measures to boost exports by implementation of several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored schemes to boost the fish production and creating Modern Fish processing units by providing assistance to States/UTs.

The Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act 2005 enacted in 2005 has streamlined the process of setting up of Coastal aquaculture farms which mostly produce shrimp for exports. It is expected to bring 1,00,000 hectares area (in addition to present 1,50,000 hectares) under coastal aquaculture and to produce an additional 1,00,000 tonnes of shrimps.

The National Fisheries Development Board has been set up in September 2006 to realize the untapped potential of fisheries sector in inland and marine fish capture, culture, promotion of processing & marketing fish, and over all growth of fisheries sector with the application of modern tools of research & development including biotechnology for optimizing production, productivity, value addition and exports.