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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set for export of marine products during each of the last three years and the current year, item-wise alongwith the success achieved;
- (b) the rate of growth of marine products; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage marine exports and to achieve export targets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a&b) Details are enclosed in Annexure – I;

c) The Government has taken the following steps to encourage export of marine products and to achieve export targets;

i) With the objective of improving aquaculture practices and quality of aquaculture production and export, an out reach organisation, namely the National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) has been established at Kakinada for providing extension services to farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa & Karnataka. NaCSA is promoting the organisation of farmers into clusters with the objective of popularizing Better Management Practices and safe production methods i.e. 'Residue less shrimps';

ii) In order to ensure full traceability of products, a comprehensive farm level data base is being created through a satellite based Geographical Information System;

iii) A Mission Mode Programme in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Orissa has been launched to expand aquaculture;

iv) With the objective of diversifying India's export basket in marine products and to improve the quality of Indian marine exports, MPEDA is targeting the development of new technologies in aquaculture such as specific pathogen free broodstock development and domestication of shrimp. An outlay of Rs.97.96 crore has been made available for the purpose during the Xth Plan;

v) Aquatic Quarantine facility for use when *L. vannamei* broodstock is imported, is being set up in the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture.

vi) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has launched the Indian Organic Aquaculture Project with technical assistance from the Swiss Import Promotion Programme (SIPPO). Recently organic freshwater prawn was farmed and cultivated for the first time in the world in Kerala. The programme is in progress in Andhra Pradesh also.

vii) MPEDA is working with the Norwegian Government to develop cage farming of fin fish in the country. The project is expected to take off in 2009.

viii) MPEDA is participating in various international fairs/seminars/training of marine products to keep updated about the recent developments in the international markets and also to frame better export policy from time to time to compete with our counterpart in the international markets.