

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

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EXPORT OF SEAFOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether export of seafood items have been reduced in the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have taken any steps to promote the export of seafood items; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome achieved thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Export of marine products from India growth in the US \$ earnings as can be seen from the table below:-

Particulars	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	CAGR#
Quantity (in Thousand MTs)	461.33	512.16	612.64	541.70	602.84	6.91%
Value (in Rs.Cr.)	6,646.69	7,245.30	8,363.53	7,620.92	8,607.94	6.68%
Value (in US \$ Million)	1,478.48	1,644.21	1,852.93	1,899.09	1,908.63	6.59%

CAGR=Compounded Annual Growth Rate 2008-09=over 2004-05

(c) & (d) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have taken following steps to increase production and export of seafood items from India :

- (i) With the objective of improving aquaculture National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) was established at Kakinada for providing extension services to farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa & Karnataka;
- (ii) A Mission Mode Programme in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Orissa has been launched to expand aquaculture;
- (iii) MPEDA is also targeting development of new technologies in aquaculture such as specific " pathogen" free broodstock development and domestication of shrimp;
- (iv) Aquatic Quarantine facility for use, when L. vennamei broodstock is imported, is being set up under Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA); and
- (v) Recently organic freshwater prawn was farmed and cultivated for the first time in the world in Kerala.