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

- (a) whether export of fish have been reduced in the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The export of marine products in quantity and in rupee term recorded a negative growth in 2007-08 compared to 2006-07. However the export during 2008-09 increased from the previous year. In US\$, export is continuously showing a positive trend during the last three years;

(b) The export of Marine Products for the last three years and the current year are as under:-

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 ()
Quantity in Ton	612641	541701	602835	531131
Rupee in Crore	8363.53	7,620.92	8,607.94	8,083.82
US \$ in Million	1852.93	1,899.09	1,908.63	1704.26

() Provisional (April-January)

(c) The Government of India has extended the benefit of the following schemes to the marine products industry to boost exports:

- # Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme (DEPB).
- # Duty free import of specified inputs for the industry.
- # Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) Scheme
- # Focus Market Scheme (FMS).
- # Focus Product Scheme (FPS).

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Kochi, under this Ministry, is taking the following steps to boost production and export of fish worldwide:

To support the expansion of export oriented industry, MPEDA is implementing various schemes providing subsidy for setting up processing facility for value added products, hatcheries, new aqua culture farms, ornamental fish breeding units, cold storages and handling centres for dry and chilled fish.

To boost tuna fish exports MPEDA provides subsidy for converting the fishing vessels into "tuna long liners".

To preserve freshness of fish on board subsidy is provided to construct "fish holds" and for purchasing insulated fish boxes.

In order to offset the high cost of freight, MPEDA is implementing "sea freight subsidy scheme for value added products"

It is also organising training programmes, awareness campaigns and seminars for spreading new concepts and technology.