

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRAWN MARKET
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

whether the Indian prawns have a huge market in the United States of America and the European markets;

(a) if so i the details thereof;

(b) whether the production of prawns has declined during the last three years including in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

(d) whether a new variety of prawn i.e. Litopenius Vanami is gaining markets in USA and European countries;

(e) if so , the details thereof;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to help aquaculture hatcheries in the country including Andhra Pradesh to produce more such variety of prawns which help the revival of prawn culture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (b): Yes Madam, Indian prawns/shrimps have a good market in the United States of America and the European Union countries. The volume of shrimp exported to USA during 2008-09 was 17467 tonnes while 61967 tonnes shrimp was exported to European Union.

(c) & (d) While the figures of total prawn production in the country shows a marginal decline, the production of prawn from Andhra Pradesh increased from 31994 tonnes in 2006, to 36732 tonnes in 2007 and 42306 tonnes in 2008.

(e) & (f) The other species of shrimp, Litopenaeus vannamei has been gaining markets in USA and European countries for last few years.

(g) The following steps have been taken to facilitate production of seed of Litopenaeus vannamei and its culture:

Necessary guidelines for safeguards and regulation of operation of hatcheries have been notified under the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Act, 2005.

Global suppliers of specific pathogen free (SPF) brood stock of L. vannamei have been identified and shortlisted for supply to Indian hatcheries.

Initially 24 eligible hatcheries including 15 from Andhra Pradesh have been permitted to import SPF L. vannamei brood stock and produce seed from the approved suppliers.

Guidelines for regulating the method of operation of aquatic quarantine for the import of Litopenaeus vannamei into India have been notified under livestock importation Act, 2001.

An aquatic quarantine facility has been set up in Chennai exclusively for the imported SPF brood stock of L. vannamei.

Awareness programmes are carried out to sensitize the farmers on the need for bio- security requirements and on good management practices.