

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Visakhapatnam as a hub for exploitation and export of Tuna fish;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to encourage fishermen to exploit Tuna Fish and also marketing support for their export;
- (e) whether the Government has identified other variety of sea fish which have export potential along the coastal areas in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a & b) There is no proposal to develop Visakhapatnam as a hub for exploitation and export of Tuna.

(c) Tuna is a migratory fish and available in both East and West Coast of India. Fishery for Oceanic Tuna in India is in a developing stage and the Government has not identified a particular region in the country as a hub for exploitation and export of tuna.

(d) In order to encourage fishermen to exploit our tuna resources, the Government through Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is providing subsidy for conversion of fishing vessels to tuna long liners, interest subsidy for construction of new tuna long liners, subsidy for installation of insulated / refrigerated fish hold / refrigerated sea water system and ice making machinery on board fishing vessels.

MPEDA is also giving training, with the assistance of a foreign Expert, in monofilament long line fishing for tuna and handling on board and have trained about 318 fishermen during the last three years. MPEDA has also given assistance for construction of two chilled tuna packing facilities at Cochin.

As regards marketing support for the export, MPEDA is disseminating to the exporters the latest price details of sashimi grade tuna obtained from its office in Japan. Apart from this, MPEDA is also publishing 'PRIME', a weekly bulletin to disseminate the prevailing prices of marine products in various overseas markets.

(e & f) Yes Madam, about 70 varieties of seafood products belonging to fin fish, crustaceans and cephalopods are exported from Andhra Pradesh. There exists a potential for further growth in exports in the case of Snappers, Perches, Sail fish and Sardines.