

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

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SHRIMP EXPORT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether shrimp exporter hope to gain from US oil spill damage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a,b & c) Being one of the major exporters of shrimps to USA, Indian shrimp exporters expect an increase in shrimp exports from India due to oil spill at the Gulf of Mexico.

As per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), USA, the Gulf of Mexico was responsible for 73% of total US landings of shrimp, 29.1% of national landings of blue crabs, and 67% of US production of oysters. The actual impact of this oil spill on fish landings will be known only by the year end. The estimates of the Louisiana Seafood Board, indicate that oil spill will hit the commercial fishing industry by \$2.4-3.0 billion. This figure accounts for losses in oysters, shrimp, crab etc in the heavily affected states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in USA. Current export statistics show that the exports to USA have not shown any major increase.