

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

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QUANTUM OF SEAFOOD

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

- (a) the details regarding production of seafood during last three years;
- (b) whether any assessment has ever been made about the potential of seafood production in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) The figures for sea food production are available only up to 2007-08. The Production of seafood from 2005-06 to 2007-08 is as given below

Quantity in Tons

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
29,78,820	30,72,468	3,02,0764

(b to d) The estimated potential yield from the Indian EEZ measuring 2.02 million sq. km. is 3.93 million MT of which the current exploitation of seafood is about 3.2 million MT. While the exploitation of seafood from territorial waters has been to the maximum, the potential beyond the territorial waters is yet to be fully exploited.