

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF SEAFOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of seafood items exported from India during each of the last three years, country-wise and product-wise;
- (b) whether the country is facing stiff competition from Vietnam, China, Thailand and Indonesia with regard to the export of tiger prawn;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the details regarding steps being taken by the Government to support shrimp farmers and the outcome achieved thereon?

Answer

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

a) Details are at Annexure I;

b to d) Yes Madam, due of the tough competition from Vietnam, China, Thailand and Indonesia,our shrimp exports to the major markets, i.e. Japan, USA and EU has declined during 2008-09. Approximately 50% of the total shrimp exported to Japan consists of Black Tiger Shrimp and India was the second largest supplier of Shrimp to Japan till the year 2001.However, from the year 2002 onwards, India's position has been declined to third due to increase in export from Vietnam to Japan.

As for USA, about 60% of the shrimp exports from India to USA are in different forms of Black Tiger Shrimp which has declined from US\$ 394 million in 2002-03 to US\$ 152 million in 2008-09.

The Government is taking various steps to support shrimp farmers for increasing quality production and export of shrimp all over the world, implemented through Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) (Annexure 2).

MPEDA has also adopted a strategy for encouraging sustainable shrimp farming of black tiger shrimp; growing of shrimp according to the demands of the market and promotion of anti-biotic free shrimp and shrimp seed production.