

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MARINE EXPORTS

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

- (a) the quantity of processed meat of different animals and beef exported along with the foreign exchange earned thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and value-wise;
- (b) the quantum of marine products exported/imported during the said period, item-wise, year-wise and country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for export of marine products, meat and meat products in the current financial year along with the total assistance/subsidies provided to the exporters for the export of these products;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to lift the ban imposed on export of beef and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether several social and religious organisations have represented the Government against the decision for removal of any such ban imposed on the export of beef from the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) The quantity of meat of different animals exported alongwith foreign exchange earned during the last three years and current year are enclosed as Annexure I and II respectively.

As per current Foreign Trade Policy, Export of beef (meat of cow and it's progeny) is prohibited.

(b) As per the data compared to the corresponding period of previous year 2011-12, provisional marine products exports during the period 2012-13 (+ or -5% variation expected) registered an increase of 3.51% in terms of quantity, 10.69% in terms of rupee value and a decline of 2.47% in terms of US \$ earnings as per the details given in Annexure-III & Annexure-IV.

(c) The target for the Marine Products Export for 2012-13 was US\$ 3500 million. During the year 2012-13 an assistance of Rs.1474.26 lakh was disbursed by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) as financial assistance under various schemes to the exporters of Marine Products.

Regarding meat and meat products, Agriculture Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) had submitted Central Sector Plan Scheme to be implemented during XIth Plan period. The scheme has following four components:

- a. Infrastructure development
- b. Quality development
- c. Market development
- d. Transport assistance

The scheme is under consideration of the Govt. for approval. It has been proposed to provide financial assistance to registered exporters including exporters of meat and meat products under the scheme for promoting their exports.

(d) & (e) Some representations were received by the Department of Commerce. There is no such proposal to lift the ban on the export of beef.