

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF VENAMI PRAWNS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that production of venami prawns has been declining in Andhra Pradesh and farmers are facing hardships due to this declining trend;
- (b) if so, whether some countries have written letters to the Union Government expressing their concerns on the decline in venami prawns production;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide assistance to these fishermen?

Answer

- (a) No, Madam. There is no decline in production of L. vannamei shrimp in the country including Andhra Pradesh. On the contrary, the available reports indicate an increasing trend during the last three years in the L. vannamei shrimp aquaculture and related activities.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.