

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EXPORT IMPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS SEAFOODS

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

- (a) the quantum and value of marine products/ seafoods exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country and product/item-wise;
- (b) the share of India in the world in export of marine products/seafoods alongwith the share of various States in the country's export, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the incentives/facilities provided to the exporters of such products;
- (d) whether there is decline in export of such products during the last few years and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost export of such products as well as safeguard the interests of exporters in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The quantity and value of marine products/sea food exported and imported during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	EXPORTS@		IMPORTS	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	(in tons)	(in Rs. crore)	(in tons)	(in Rs. crore)
2011-12	862021	16597.23	27876.15	497.67
2012-13	928215	18856.26	22304.76	372.76
2013-14	983756	30213.26	17886.34	274.39
2014-15	875473	28072.41	5941.37	104.70
	(upto Jan- uary, 2015)		(upto Au- gust, 2014)	

@ Source :MPEDA

Source : DGCI&S, Kolkata

The details of country-wise and product-wise exports are at Annexure-I.

(b) As reported by Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA), the share of India in the World's marine products export is around 4%. The percentage share of top five marine products exporting States/UTs in terms of value in Indian rupees is as under:-

S.No.	States	Percentage Share
1	Andhra Pradesh	20.95
2	Tamil Nadu	16.68
3	Kerala	15.61
4	Maharashtra	13.74
5	Gujarat	10.23
6	Others	22.79
	Total	100.00

(c) to (e) There was no decline in the exports of marine products during the last few years. To boost the marine products exports and make Indian seafood products competitive, Government of India, through MPEDA, is implementing variety of assistance Schemes, some of which are as under:-

i) Capture Fisheries - for promotion of fishing of Tuna and other under exploited resources, providing interest subsidy for the construction of new tuna long liners and Assistance to fishermen for better pre- servation of catch.

ii) Processing Infrastructure & Value Addition – providing subsidy for acquisition of machinery for tuna cannery / processing of value added tuna product, financial support for acquisition of Refri- gerated Truck / Containers and setting up Large Cold Storages, etc.

iii) Culture Fisheries – providing subsidy for new farm development, small and medium-scale hatcheries, setting up of PCR labs in hatcheries/ Pvt. Lab, assistance for farmers for undertaking organic farming of shrimp and scampi, etc.

iv) Market Promotion – providing development assistance for export of Ornamental/Aquarium Fishes/Live Aquarium Plants, Sea Freight Assistance, and insurance scheme for workers in Seafood processing units, etc.

v) Quality Control – providing assistance to sea- food processors for construction / renovation of captive pre-processing center with upgraded facilities, for setting up of Mini Laboratory, etc.