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Study on Aqua Farms

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

- a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority has made any study on Aqua Farms in the country;
- b) if so, the details and finding thereof along with the area covered by such aqua cultural farms, State/UT-wise; and
- c) the details of multinational companies involved in aqua farming in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, MPEDA had conducted certain studies on the aquaculture farms in the country.

(b) As a part of this study, MPEDA has collected and compiled the area under brackish water aquaculture. As per the estimate, the area under aquaculture is 129444 hectares. Andhra Pradesh has a share of 40% of the area, followed by West Bengal, 37% and rest is scattered across the state of Kerala, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Orissa and Maharashtra.

(c) Only one multinational company, viz; M/s. C P Aquaculture (India) Private Limited with its headquarter in Thailand is involved in shrimp feed and hatcheries.
