

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Export of Seafood

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

- (a) whether India has the potential to export a number of excellent varieties of fish including seabass, tilappa and mud crab, which are delicious and have huge acceptance in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has been focusing more on the export of shrimps and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of various varieties of fish exported by MPEDA during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for export of all varieties of fish and sea products along with shrimps?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Shrimp is more preferred commodity in all the international markets and fetches a better margin compared to other fin fish or shell fish varieties. The priority given to shrimp exports is mostly market driven as farmed shrimp contributes more than 60% of our export revenue. The Seafood exports mainly depend on aquaculture since the catch from seas is coming down every year. Considering the higher margin, the aquaculture farmers also prefer the shrimp cultivation. However, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (R & D wing of MPEDA) and other ICAR institutes over the last few years have developed the technology for breeding and farming of varieties of fin fish and shellfish. These technologies have been standardized and transferred to farmers and entrepreneurs for adoption. Already production of some of these species has started in aquaculture farms. In the years to come, with increasing hatcheries and farming units engaged in production of these species, sufficient production for exports will be generated.

(c) The details of various varieties of fish exported by MPEDA during last 3 years may be seen at Annexure-I.

TOP 10 VARIETIES OF CHILLED FISH EXPORTED

2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

Qty VALUE Qty VALUE Qty VALUE

Sl No. Item Name Tons Rs. Crore Tons Rs. Crore Tons Rs. Crore

1	CHILLED REEF COD	1053	40.41	1139	45.07	1412	64.46
2	CHILLED SEER FISH/KING FISH	969	44.12	679	29.48	1892	86.95
3	CHILLED GROUPER	447	19.82	544	23.53	934	35.49
4	CHILLED YELLOW FIN TUNA FILLET	0	0	120	7.35	231	15.68
5	CHILLED POMFRET (CHINESE)	148	16.92	72	6.2	155	14.83
6	CHILLED POMFRET	230	18.71	213	15.25	195	12
7	CHILLED SWORD FISH LOINS	0	0	86	3.44	191	8.41
8	CHILLED ROHU (F W)	50	0.82	209	3.97	425	7.2
9	CHILLED SNAPPER (RED)	214	13.45	235	12.12	154	6.7
10	CHILLED EMPEROR	26	0.55	42	1.28	173	6.62
	OTHER CHILLED ITEMS	13380	237.27	22674	255.95	20164	237.92
	TOTAL	16517	392.08	26015	403.65	25926	496.26

TOP 10 VARIETIES OF FROZEN FISH

2013-14 2014-15 2015-16

Sl No. Item Name Qty Tons Rs. Crore Qty Tons Rs. Crore Qty Tons Rs. Crore

1	FR. RIBBON FISH/WHOLE	108323	1476.43	92589	1158.04	63797	911.66
2	FR. MACKEREL	10605	112.89	17851	179.8	25382	296.58
3	FR. POMFRET (SILVER)	4142	341.45	5409	426.31	2922	254.05
4	FR. LEATHER JACKET / LEATHER SKIN	3597	73.77	3199	50.04	8617	225.27
5	FR RIBBONFISH WHOLE	35592	495.86	26414	334.27	14267	207.44
6	FR MACKEREL WHOLE	7278	86.16	10530	109.4	13855	165.9
7	FR. CROAKER (YELLOW)	14642	119.17	23274	169.67	15030	141.43
8	FR. CROAKER (SILVER)	8287	78.3	16880	144.89	9931	116.47
9	FR. CROAKER OTHERS	17025	166.49	10054	91.84	6794	100.82
10	FR. SOLE FISH	11719	112.53	7752	67.74	7029	86.44

11. OTHER FR. FISHES 103148 1231.75 95481 1046.52 61126 956.19
TOTAL 324359 4294.81 309434 3778.5 228749 3462.25

(d) Under the 12th Five Year Plan, MPEDA is operating various financial assistance schemes for undertaking various activities in order to promote production and export of marine products including shrimps, crabs, seabass, tilapia and other variety of fishes. For generating additional raw material of new species of fish and shellfish for export purpose, MPEDA has been organizing extension programmes and awareness campaigns, training and demonstration programs for the benefit of fishermen, aquaculture farmers, fish technologist, exporters etc.
