

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1012
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2023

STATUS OF SEAFOOD EXPORT

1012. SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:
DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether seafood products export from India during the last three years has increased if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the quantity of sea products exported in last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has provided any subsidy in such exports, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) details of steps taken by Government to promote such exports for improving the economic condition of the people living in coastal areas of the country, in last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Seafood products export from India during the last three years has increased from US\$ 6679 million in FY 2019-20 to an all-time high record figure of US\$ 7759.58 million in FY 2021-22. The seafood exports in last 3 years is tabulated as below:-

| Year | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Value in US\$ (Million) | 6,679.00 | 5,957.00 | 7,759.58 |

Further, quantity of sea products exported in last five years, year-wise is given in the table below:

| Year | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Quantity (in Metric Tons) | 13,77,244 | 13,92,559 | 12,89,651 | 11,49,510 | 13,69,264 |

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The Government through Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) provides financial assistance to the seafood processors/exporters for the development of infrastructure and up gradation of new technologies in the fisheries sector all over the country with an aim to bring in more investment in high end value addition and impart skills to workers in the processing units for producing such products so as to enhance the unit value realization in export. During the period 2017-18 to 2021-22, total financial assistance of approx. Rs. 99.00 Crores have been extended by MPEDA.
