

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th MARCH, 2023

EXPORT OF MARINE FOODS

2443. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in March 2022, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry said that exports of marine goods from India is likely to be affected due to the Russia - Ukraine conflict and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the largest exporters of fisheries in India and reduction in exports of fisheries would adversely impact the income of lakhs of fishermen in the State; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that fisheries exports are not adversely affected due to the Russia - Ukraine conflict?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

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

(a): The seafood exports from India to Russia have increased from USD 98.84 million during April-January 2021-22 to USD 112.53 million during April-January 2022-23. The seafood Exports to Ukraine has been affected due to Russia-Ukraine conflict, and it has reduced from USD 11.2 million during April-January 2021-22 to USD 1.36 Million during April-January 2022-23. However, the total exports of seafood from India have increased from USD 6.66 billion during April-January 2021-22 to USD 6.86 billion during the same period in FY 2022-23, registering a growth of 3%.

(b) & (c): Andhra Pradesh is one of the major exporters of seafood with a share of about 35% in India's seafood exports in 2021-22. The Government through Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), a statutory body under Department of Commerce, has taken various measures to counter the effects of Russia-Ukraine conflict on seafood exports, some of which are as follows: -

- i. Participation in World Food, Moscow fair during 20-23 September 2022 with the support of Embassy of India (EoI), Moscow. Trade inquiries collected during the fair was disseminated to Indian exporters to increase trade.
- ii. Four Virtual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSM) conducted with Russian seafood importers and Indian Exporters during April to Nov 2022.
- iii. Regular follow-up with Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (FSVPS) of Russia for listing of more exporters, which are already recommended by Export Inspection Agency (EIA).
- iv. Facilitation of trade settlement with Russia in rupee terms.
