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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 378 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd FEBRUARY, 2021

SEAFOOD EXPORTS

378. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) the details and the value of seafood exports from the country in the last five financial years;
- (b) whether the Government has peeling collected any data on the workers involved in seafood pealing who are the backbone of the seafood industry and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures for the welfare of seafood peeling workers, especially the women workers who are employed in large number in the industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a): The details of seafood exports from the country in the last five financial years are as follows:

(Value: US \$ in Million)

Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Frozen Shrimp	3096.68	3726.38	4848.19	4610.59	4889.12
Frozen Fish	529.85	672.47	733.17	699.09	513.60
Frozen Cuttle fish	250.31	292.73	369.88	282.29	286.40
Frozen Squid	247.53	388.64	385.01	359.71	314.23
Dried item	111.57	199.77	163.53	189.58	140.81
Live items	47.77	61.05	45.41	55.89	46.43

Chilled items	124.51	116.02	101.78	89.20	90.34
Others	279.71	320.54	434.58	442.16	397.77
TOTAL	4687.94	5777.61	7081.55	6728.50	6678.69

(b), (c) & (d): Government of India through Dept of Fisheries, is implementing a newly launched flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) as a part of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Package, with an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crores for a period of five years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25. The PMMSY aims to enhance fish production, boost export earnings and generate employment opportunities. The PMMSY also includes welfare measures for fishermen, which can be availed by fish workers including seafood peeling workers.
