

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

Fish Market

1278. Shri Konda Vishweshwar Reddy:

Will the Minister of FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated size of the aquarium and ornamental fish market in the country, including its economic contribution;
- (b) the total value of imports and exports of aquariums, aquarium equipment, ornamental fish aquatic plants and aquarium decorations during the last three years, year-wise,
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the aquarium and ornamental fish industry in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including any schemes, subsidies, or initiatives to support breeders, exporters, and entrepreneurs in this sector, and
- (e) the measures being taken to encourage sustainable practices and ensure compliance with biodiversity and environmental regulations in the ornamental fish industry?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING
(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)**

(a): ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar has reported that Indian ornamental fish industry is valued at approximately Rs.3,000 crore which includes breeding, rearing, trade of ornamental fishes, aquarium accessories, aquatic plants, and decorative items, contributing significantly to employment and entrepreneurship.

(b): As reported by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS) and Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the total value of Exports and Imports of Ornamental Fish & Aquatic Plants during the last three years is furnished as below:

(Rupees in Crore)

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Export	250.05	303.68	241.281
Import	32.18	13.63	15.04

(c) and (d): The Department of Fisheries (DoF), Government of India (GoI) has taken various steps to promote ornamental fisheries in the country. Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), 2465 unit of Ornamental fish rearing units, 207 Integrated Ornamental fish (breeding and rearing) units, 5 fresh water Ornamental Fish Brood Bank units and 144 units of Promotion of Recreational Fisheries have been approved at a total cost of Rs.230.45 crore during the last four financial years (2020-21 to 2023-24) and current financial year (2024-25). The DoF, GoI has also notified Madurai District of Tamil Nadu as the Ornamental fisheries cluster under PMMSY during 2024-25.

(e): The Department Fisheries, Government of India has issued a Sanitary Protocol for the Import of Ornamental Fishes into India in 2017 to regulate the import of various ornamental fish species and ensure the production of seeds and export to different countries without harming the environment. The ICAR-CIFA has reported that the breeding techniques for 16 indigenous ornamental fish species have been successfully standardized from various regions across India. This initiative aims to promote captive breeding, reduce pressure on wild fish populations, and support sustainable aquaculture development in the ornamental fisheries sector. These advancements also contribute to enhancing domestic production, increasing export potential, and encouraging the conservation of native fish biodiversity.
