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PROCESSED FOOD EXPORT COMPANIES

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

- (a) the details of measures being taken by the Government to promote the growth of processed food export companies, including shrimp and seafood exporters particularly from Andhra Pradesh, following the strong performance of firms;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of global demand, export incentives, and regulatory frameworks on small and medium-sized food processing companies, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure sustainable growth, quality standards and market access for Indian food exporters; and
- (d) the manner in which these initiatives expected to enhance exports, employment and competitiveness of India's processed food sector?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d) The Government, through the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and the Department of Commerce, is implementing multiple initiatives to promote the growth, competitiveness, and sustainability of the processed food and seafood export sector, including exporters in Andhra Pradesh.

Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, namely the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries, provide demand-driven financial assistance for development of modern processing and supply chain infrastructure across the country, including for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

For fisheries and seafood exports, including shrimp, the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana is being implemented across all States and Union Territories. The scheme supports fisheries infrastructure, value chains, post-harvest and cold-chain facilities, and capacity building, and includes interventions such as quality fish production, diversification of aquaculture, promotion of export-oriented species, disease

management, traceability, mandatory use of Turtle Excluder Devices, stock assessment of marine resources, and modern post-harvest infrastructure, with the objective of promoting sustainable growth and compliance with international norms.

To promote exports of agricultural and processed food products, the Department of Commerce, through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, provides financial assistance under its Financial Assistance Scheme for development of export infrastructure, quality development, and market development. APEDA has extended assistance to registered exporters in Andhra Pradesh, undertaken training and capacity-building programmes, facilitated participation in international and domestic trade fairs and Buyer–Seller Meets, promoted branding of Indian value-added and geographical indication products, launched BHARATI to support agri-export start-ups, conducted a study on the processed food sector, and disseminated market intelligence through the Agri-Exchange platform.

Further, the Export Promotion Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, provides a unified, outcome-oriented framework to strengthen export competitiveness, particularly for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, first-time exporters, and labour-intensive sectors.

The Government regularly monitors global demand trends. Exports of processed food products increased from USD 8,895.50 million in 2023 to USD 9,267.18 million in 2024, with India’s share in global exports at about 1.35 per cent.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has also undertaken a study titled “Assessment of Export Potential of Seafood Products in the Emerging Global Economy”. Collectively, these initiatives are intended to enhance exports, improve market access and quality standards, promote sustainable growth, generate employment across the value chain, and strengthen the competitiveness of India’s processed food sector, including seafood.
