

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2865  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026

**Seafood Exports**

**2865. Km. Sudha R:**

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

- (a) whether there is increase in the India's seafood exports, if so, the details thereof market share of the exports during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of seafood export volumes and values to the US and other key markets during the said period;
- (c) the impact on seafood sector of Tamil Nadu where shrimp farming and exports contribute significantly to livelihoods; and
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the broader risks of drop in export volumes and revenue decline for the shrimp industry during FY 2025-26, along with the steps taken by the Government to support the affected stakeholders?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING**

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(a) & (b) The seafood export from India has increased from Rs 43,720.98 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 62,408.45 crore in 2024-25 in terms of value, registering an increase of approximately 42.7 per cent during the period. Similarly, the export quantity increased from 11.49 lakh metric tonnes in 2020-21 to 16.98 lakh metric tonnes in 2024-25, reflecting a growth of about 47.8 per cent. The seafood export to the USA has increased from Rs 17,990.40 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 22,722.69 crore in 2024-25 in value and from 2.91 lakh metric tonnes in 2020-21 to 3.46 lakh metric tonnes in 2024-25 in quantity. The details of seafood exports, state-wise and market-wise, for the last five years are provided in Annexure I and Annexure II, respectively.

(c) The seafood sector of Tamil Nadu plays a vital role in the State's coastal economy, with shrimp farming and exports contributing significantly to employment and income generation, and a large number of coastal households depending directly and indirectly on aquaculture, processing, and export-related activities for their livelihoods. During 2024-25, Tamil Nadu exported 1,07,659 metric tonnes of marine products valued at Rs 5,744.56 crore. During 2025-26 (April to January, *provisional*), Tamil Nadu exported 1,25,332 metric tonnes of marine products valued at Rs 6,323.79 crore as compared to 1,07,659 metric tonnes of marine products valued at Rs 5,744.56 crore in 2024-25, indicating continued growth and resilience of the seafood sector in the State despite fluctuations in global markets.

(d) The Government is aware of the challenges faced by the shrimp export sector due to fluctuations in international market demand, price volatility, and rising input costs. Despite ongoing geopolitical shifts and the imposition of tariff and non-tariff barriers by importing nations, India's shrimp exports during April–January 2025–26 have increased in both quantity and value compared to the corresponding period of 2024–25. This indicates continued positive growth in shrimp exports. The details of frozen shrimp exports during the last two years and April–January 2025–26 are provided below:

ITEM		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26*	2024-25
				(APRIL-JANUARY)	(APRIL-JANUARY)
FROZEN	Q	716004	741529	659600	622182
SHRIMP	V	40013.54	43334.25	41018.30	36029.38

**\*PROVISIONAL (Source: MPEDA)**

To sustain and support the growth of seafood exports, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, has conducted a series of stakeholder consultations and strategic engagements which, *inter alia*, include Investors' Meets in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands, Coastal States Fisheries Meet, Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Meet, Seafood Exporters Meet, and the World Fisheries Day celebration on the theme "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports". A Round Table Conference with Ambassadors and High Commissioners from 39 countries on seafood export promotion was also convened to strengthen diplomatic engagement, promote collaboration in sustainable fisheries, enhance trade relations, and advance technologies and emerging sectors in fisheries and aquaculture. The Government also conducts bilateral meetings with major importers to boost seafood exports. To strengthen India's seafood sector globally, the government is facilitating ease of business by amending regulations, streamlining imports, and reducing import duties on key aquafeed ingredients, aquaculture inputs, and fish processing ingredients. In addition, to enhance the share of value-added products in the seafood export basket, the Government of India, in the recent Budget, has enhanced the duty-free import limit of specified inputs used in seafood processing from 1% to 3 % of the previous year's FOB export value. As part of its sustainable efforts, the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, is promoting the installation of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) in trawl nets, supporting the marine mammals project, strengthening antibiotic residue controls, and launching a comprehensive Traceability Framework. Further, the Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Rules, 2025, were notified to promote high-value, export-oriented fisheries in the Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme of the Department of Fisheries, Government of India, and the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) support expansion of aquaculture, technology infusion, disease management, modern post-harvest infrastructure, and fish processing facilities to enhance production, productivity, and value addition. The Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has established the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) as a dedicated agency to facilitate the export of seafood. The MPEDA promotes Indian fisheries products through brand promotion, exporter enrolment, and importer liaison. It enhances industry capacity via training, awareness campaigns, workshops, and *chintan shivirs*. To explore new markets, MPEDA participates in international trade fairs, organizes Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs) and Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMs), and collaborates with Indian Missions abroad. To ensure quality meeting international standards, the Export Inspection Council (EIC), Department of Commerce, conducts periodic awareness and training programs for relevant stakeholders across the value chain.

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State-Wise Export of Marine Products						
Q: Quantity in Tons, V: Value in Rs. Crore						
States	Units	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Gujarat	Q	203917	200099	248863	284088	282158
	V	4188.5	4421.1	5466.9	5511.4	5889.3
Maharashtra	Q	110822	193999	214167	222453	227866
	V	3684.9	7303.9	7466.5	6923.3	7343.4
Goa	Q	16549	36057	63333	55167	45469
	V	435.25	730.64	1007.6	934.2	788.81
Karnataka	Q	121348	120427	312347	301183	242143
	V	1689.1	1962.2	4737.2	4785.1	3440.6
Kerala	Q	157698	182430	218629	196807	179660
	V	5623.1	6971.6	8285	7231.8	6941.4
Tamil Nadu	Q	110023	114810	123157	134317	130315
	V	5565.5	6559.6	6957.7	6854.2	7034.6
Andhra Pradesh	Q	279992	324904	328160	347927	366182
	V	15832	20035	19847	19420	21246
Telangana	Q	0	3102	6676	11758	11772
	V	0	156.91	358.39	565.1	615.42
Odisha	Q	60718	86765	85308	84231	92169
	V	3107.7	4627.9	4546.5	3954.6	4668
West Bengal	Q	88443	103398	125025	132318	114529
	V	3595.1	4742.5	5121.3	4145.5	4321.1
Delhi	Q	0	766	1083	1294	609
	V	0	39	63.61	79.84	40.52
Others**	Q	0	2507	8536	10058	5299
	V	0	35.64	111.47	118.46	79.54
Total	Q	1149510	1369264	1735286	1781602	1698170
	V	43721	57586	63969	60524	62408

Source: MPEDA

\*\*Others include Andaman Nicobar Island, Assam, Bihar, Daman & Diu, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand

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<b>Market Wise Export of Marine Products</b>						
Q: Quantity in MT, V: Value in Rs. Crore						
<b>Market</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>JAPAN</b>	<b>Q:</b>	86814	90308	109199	107968	102933
	<b>V:</b>	3033.4	3242.9	3846.9	3279.4	3452.9
<b>USA</b>	<b>Q:</b>	291948	372611	306334	329192	346868
	<b>V:</b>	17990	24603	20600	20892	22723
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>Q:</b>	152770	198484	207976	192505	215080
	<b>V:</b>	6022.8	8570.1	10018	8461.6	9429.6
<b>CHINA</b>	<b>Q:</b>	218343	266989	405547	457215	396424
	<b>V:</b>	6908.6	9056.7	11957	11853	10668
<b>SOUTH EAST ASIA</b>	<b>Q:</b>	217710	243401	431774	378630	347541
	<b>V:</b>	4876.1	5748	9494	7907.3	8172.2
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>Q:</b>	48606	58426	77677	75046	65956
	<b>V:</b>	1843.4	2235.5	2623.1	2238.8	2328.5
<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>Q:</b>	133319	139045	196780	241045	223369
	<b>V:</b>	3046.3	4130	5429.5	5891.4	5634.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Q:</b>	<b>1149510</b>	<b>1369264</b>	<b>1735286</b>	<b>1781602</b>	<b>1698170</b>
	<b>V:</b>	<b>43721</b>	<b>57586</b>	<b>63969</b>	<b>60524</b>	<b>62408</b>

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