

1	2	3	4	5
24	Handicrafts excl. hand made Carpet	13	7	-44.1
25	Petroleum Products	1517	2762	82.1
26	Plastic & Linoleum	179	309	72.5
27	Other Products	1537	2035	32.4
GRAND TOTAL		12398	16887	36.2

(Source: DGOIS)

* The figures for April'10 are provisional and subject to change;

Excludes exports through satellite transmission and off-shore development

Operationalising the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aqua Culture

291. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maritime Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has established the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aqua Culture in Sirkazhi, Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu in February, 2009;

(b) if so, the details of activities undertaken at Sirkazhi in the last fifteen months;

(c) if no activity undertaken, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps being taken to operationalise the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir the Head Quarters of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture has been established by the Marine Products Export Development Authority in Sirkazhi Taluk, Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu in 2002.

(b) and (c) Activities undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture in Sirkazhi during the last fifteen months are given in the Statement (See below).

(d) Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture is already operational.

Statement

*Activities undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture
in Sirkazhi since January 2009.*

(1) The Asian Seabass Hatchery at Thoduvali village at Sirkazhi undertakes production of Seabass seed for distributing to the farmers for propagation of Seabass Aquaculture in Tamil Nadu and other parts of India.

(2) The Pilot scale Mud Crab Hatchery at Thoduvai village at Sirkazhi is involved in production of Mud Crab seeds for distribution among Mud Crab farmers in Tamil Nadu and other parts of India.

(3) Coordination of 11 R&D projects of RGCA from Sirkazi across the country, viz., Andaman Islands, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, Neelankarai in Tamil Nadu, Pozhiyur in Kerala and Karaikal, UT of Pondicherry.

(4) The civil construction of the 1st Phase of the Administrative block of the Technology Transfer Training and Administrative Complex located at Karaimeedu Village in Sirkazhi has been completed.

(5) A total number of 364 candidates benefited from the training/ technology transfer/ familiarization programme extended by RGCA, Sirkazi during the last 15 months. Details of the training / technology transfer conducted are given in the table below:

Sl. No.	Period	Training/Technology Transfer	Beneficiaries
1	2	3	4
1	March 2009	Familiarization programme on Mud Crab Aquaculture	25 Farmers sponsored by KVK, ICAR Karaikal
2	September 2009	Technology Transfer on Cage Culture	2 Entrepreneurs from Kerala
3	September 2009	Technology Transfer on Seabass and Mud Crab Aquaculture	25 Farmers from FFDA Kerala
4	September 2009	Familiarization programme on Aquaculture	30 Post Graduate Students in Fisheries & allied Sciences from Periyar Maniammai University
5	December 2009	Technology Transfer on Cage Aquaculture	35 Farmers of Alleppey Dist. of Kerala sponsored by Department of Fisheries, Kerala
6	January 2010	Training on Cage Culture of Seabass	9 Aquaculture technicians from across the country and 2 Government officials from Goa and Maharashtra

1	2	3	4
7	February 2010	Training on Cage Culture of Seabass	5 officers from MPEDA from across the country
8	February 2010	Familiarization programme on Aquaculture	5 officials of the department of Fisheries, Govt. of Orissa
9	February 2010	Technology Transfer on Mud Crab Aquaculture	30 SHG farmers sponsored by POET - NGO, Cuddalore Dist., Tamil Nadu
10	March 2010	Training on Cage Culture of Seabass	3 Farmers from in and around Sirkazi and one officer from MPEDA.
11	March 2010	Familiarization programme on Aquaculture	30 Farmers from Thrissur, sponsored by Department of Fisheries, Kerala
12	March 2010	Familiarization programme on Mud Crab and Seabass Aquaculture	10 farmers from Bhimavaram, AP sponsored by MPEDA SRC
13	March 2010	Familiarization programme on Mud Crab and Seabass Aquaculture	5 farmers from Karwar, Karnataka sponsored by MPEDA SRC, Karwar
14	April 2010	Hands on Training on Mud Crab Aquaculture	6 Farmers from West Bengal and 4 technical officers of MPEDA across the country
15	May 2010	Familiarization programme on Aquaculture	30 farmers sponsored by MPEDA.
16	May 2010	Technology Transfer on Mud Crab Aquaculture	15 SHG farmers sponsored by POET - NGO, Cuddalore Dist., Tamil Nadu

1	2	3	4
17	June 2010	Technology Transfer on Mud Crab culture and open Pond culture of Seabass	50 nos. of SHG members from Killai and Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu
18	June 2010	Hands on Training on Cage culture of Seabass in ponds	20 nos. of SHG members from Killai, Tamil Nadu
19	July 2010	Familiarization programme on Aquaculture.	23 Farmers from KVK, ICAR, Pondicherry

Export of onion

292. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of onion exported during the last six months and how it compares to corresponding period of last six months;
- (b) the agencies in the country involved in the export of onion and the locations thereof;
- (c) whether onion is being exported on a regular basis inspite of the scarcity and price rise in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of times during the said period NAFED has revised the minimum export price of onion to check the price rise in the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The quantity and value of Onion exported during the last 6 months are as under:

Quantity: MTs; Value in Rs. lakhs				
Month	2010		2009	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5
January	238234	27454.50	114317	22208.88
February	190602	18989.26	158990	26513.01
March	159765	16619.53	258849	36858.83