

(COCO) Outlet Gumjal, District Fazilka commissioned on 26-5-2000 has been operating through various models like Maintenance and Haulage (MH) Contractors/Service Providers/ad-hoc dealerships as per policy guidelines in vogue applicable from time to time, subject to the overall control of the officer of the Corporation.

The subject COCO continues to be under the overall control of the Officer of the Corporation. Post resignation of the Service Provider on 22-12-2015, the subject COCO is being operated through ad-hoc dealership, till a new Service Provider is appointed as per the current policy.

- (c) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Export of marine food products

†2401. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of marine food products exported from the country during last three years;
- (b) whether the US is the major destination for such exports;
- (c) whether the US has imposed certain conditions on import of marine food products from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government provides subsidy on such exports; and
- (e) the action plan to promote such exports to improve the economic condition of people living along coastal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The export of marine products from India reached an all time record both in terms of quantity and value in 2014-15. The exports touched 1051243 MT worth ₹ 33441.61 crores and US dollar 5.51 billion in 2014-15. However in 2015-16, there was a decline in exports due to reasons such as increased supply of farmed shrimps from our competitors in Southeast Asia which led to a decline in unit trade value of shrimp, weaker economic condition in China and devaluation of certain currencies such as Euro, Japanese Yen and decline in sea catches. Our export

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figures declined by 10% in quantity *i.e.*, 9,45,892 tons and 14.9% in value ie US\$ 4.68 billion in 2015-16. However in 2016-17, up to September 2016, the export has shown an increase of 2% in quantity and 12% in US\$ earnings and 15% in Indian rupee value compared to same period of last year. The status of Marine food Products Exported from India for the last three years is as follows:-

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Quantity (In M Ton)	983756	1051243	945892
Value (In ₹ crore)	30213.26	33441.61	30420.83
Values in US Dollar Million	5007.70	5511.12	4687.94

Q: Quantity in M Ton, V: Value in ₹ crore, \$: US Dollar Million

(b) Yes, Sir. US is the major destination for Indian marine products with a share of 28.46% in foreign exchange earnings.

(c) Yes, Sir. Based on the representations of Southern Shrimp Producers Alliance, the association of local shrimp producers in USA, the US DOC after its investigation has initiated anti-dumping duty on shrimp imports from India since 2004. The initial anti-dumping duty imposed was 10.17%, which was reviewed subsequently. So far 10 Administrative Reviews have been conducted. The present antidumping duty after the 10th administrative review is set at 2.20%. Meanwhile, the US authorities has initiated Second Sunset Review of Antidumping/countervailing Duty by September, 2016.

(d) No, Sir. Government does not provide subsidies on exports.

(e) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) gives financial assistance to promote exports from the country, which indirectly benefit the economy of the people living in coastal areas since majority of the employees involved in the production and processing is from the coastal areas. Assistance for promotional expenditure for value added marine products bearing MPEDA Quality Logo, which helps to create a brand image for Indian seafood in International markets financial assistance for technology up gradation for value addition, cold chain development, assistance for mini lab for ensuring quality and Harbour development are the other major schemes implemented by MPEDA.