

(b) The most imported agricultural products in the country are vegetable oils with imports amounting to USD 10.89 billion during 2016-17. The major edible oils imported are palmoil (USD 6.1 billion), soyabean oil (USD 2.8 billion) and sunflower oil (USD 1.5 billion). Among the crops, pulses are the largest imported item. The major pulses imported during 2016-17 are yellow peas (USD 1.2 billion), chana (USD 0.9 billion), moong and urad (USD 0.67 billion), masoor (USD 0.63 billion) and tur (USD 0.6 billion).

(c) The pricing of agricultural exports depends on the prevailing international market prices, which in turn depend on various factors such as demand and supply situation, international political situation, trade policies of major importing and exporting countries for a particular commodity etc. As for quality assurance mechanism, the exporters are required to follow quality standards set by international standard organizations viz., CODEX, OIE and IPPC or the standards set by the importing country. The Export Inspection Council, APEDA and other commodity boards establish product and market-specific quality assurance mechanisms as per the requirements.

Action plan to enhance marine products exports from Visakhapatnam

2104. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1030 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 2016 and state:

(a) whether MPEDA has submitted any action plan to enhance production and export of marine products from Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Visakhapatnam is the leading port in export of marine products in the country;

(d) if so, what is the position of other ports with regard to marine products exports; and

(e) how Blue Revolution is going to help in enhancing marine exports from Visakhapatnam and production of marine products in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MPEDA has submitted an action plan to the Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh for development of export oriented fisheries in the state which includes Visakhapatnam also. The action plan includes proposal for:—

1. Developing clusters of aquaculture farms by organizing farmers to go for joint farming.
2. Establishing seafood park at Vishakhapatnam.
3. Upgrading of fishing harbours along with dredging of area around fishing harbour at Vishakhapatnam.
4. Farm level and hatchery level training in Vishakhapatnam to train technical force comprising both Government and private.
5. Implementation of Better Management Practices and extension training for state fisheries officials and lab technicians.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The position of top 10 ports, according to their export value is as follows:—

Ranking	Name of Port	Ranking	Name of Port
1.	Visakhapatnam	6.	Krishnapatnam
2.	Kochi	7.	Tuticorin
3.	Kolkata	8.	Chennai
4.	Pipavav	9.	Mangalore/ICD
5.	Mumbai	10.	Goa

(e) Realizing the immense scope for development of fisheries and aquaculture, the Government of India has restructured all the Central Plan schemes on Fisheries sector and formulated an umbrella scheme called 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' in December, 2015. The aim of this scheme is to provide focused attention for development and management of the fisheries sector with specific objective of enhancing both fish production and productivity from aquaculture and fisheries resources of the inland and marine fisheries sector including deep sea fishing. It would also augment the export earnings and increase benefit flow to the fishers and fish farmers to attain the target of doubling their income throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh. The scheme also has components for undertaking shrimp aquaculture, deep sea fishing activities, strengthening of post-harvest fishery infrastructure facilities along with other production and welfare oriented fisheries activities.