

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st APRIL, 2022

EXPORT OF SEAFOOD PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of seafood products exported from India during the last three years;
- (b) whether USA is the primary destination for such exports;
- (c) if so, whether USA has imposed certain conditions on the import of seafood products from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has provided any subsidy in such exports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the plan of action to promote such exports for improving the economic condition of the people living in coastal areas of the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) India has exported seafood products of value US\$ 6679 in 2019-20, US\$ 5957 in 2020-21 and US\$ 7165 Million during April-February 2021-22 which is an all time high export of marine products.

(b) & (c): USA is the major destination for export of seafood products from India. The US Department of State has banned wild caught shrimp exports from India to USA under Section 609 of US Public Law 101-162 on the alleged grounds that the fishing methods being followed in India (types of nets) are adversely affecting sea turtle population.

(d) & (e): During year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, total financial assistance of Rs. 225 crore were provided for promotion of exports. Government of India provides financial assistance to the seafood farmers and processors for the development of infrastructure and up gradation of new technologies in the fisheries sector all over India with an aim to bring in more investment in high end value addition and impart skills to workers in the processing units for producing value added products so as to increase the unit value realization from exports.
