

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

RAJYA SABHA

ADMITTED QUESTION No. 3457
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2022

Decline in Exports of Marine Products

3457. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a decline in export of marine products;
- (b) if so, the details of export of marine products since the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) The details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to help entrepreneurs to promote their brand internationally to increase export of marine products?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING:

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): While India's marine products export have slightly increased in rupee terms during 2019-20, there was a decline during 2020-21 due to global impact of Covid-19 pandemic. The State-wise details of the export of marine products during the last three years are furnished at Annexure. However, during the year 2021-22, the marine products exports stood at an all time high of USD 7.156 billion during April to February, 2021-22.

(c): The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Department of Commerce has been taking various steps to promote export of marine products from India to other countries including brand promotion of Indian fisheries products. These *inter alia* include participation in various relevant trade fairs and exhibitions, organizing Virtual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSMs) with the importing countries for the benefit of the stakeholders. Further, MPEDA has been reaching out to the Indian Missions in selected importing countries for assistance to promote seafood exports from India. In addition, during COVID-19 pandemic, MPEDA formulated COVID-19 guidelines for seafood sector and issued advisories to exporters to avoid COVID-19 related contamination.

Further, the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during 2020-21 has rolled out a flagship scheme "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with highest ever investment of Rs. 20050 crore in the fisheries sector for implementation during a period of five years i.e. 2020-21 to 2024-25, in all States/Union Territories. PMMSY intends to address critical gaps in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure and management, modernization and strengthening of value chain, reduction of post-harvest losses, traceability etc. In order to enhance India's export competitiveness, PMMSY supports for quality fish production, species diversification, promotion of export-oriented species, branding, standards and certification, training and capacity building, creation of post harvest infrastructure with emphasis on seamless cold chain and development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centers, etc. In addition, to address the critical infrastructure requirements of fisheries and aquaculture sectors, the Department of Fisheries, GoI during 2018-19 has created the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore to provide concessional finance to States/UT and private sector.

Statement referred to in the reply to the Rajya Sabha Question No. 3457 put in by Shri Sanjay Raut, Member of Parliament for answer on 1st April, 2022 regarding “Decline in exports of marine products”:

State-wise Details of Export of Marine Products from India				
Q: Quantity in M T, V: Value in Rs. Crore, \$: US Dollar Million				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
GUJARAT	Q	289348	252712	203917
	V	5283.59	5001.43	4188.52
	\$	756.88	713.42	572.08
MAHARASHTRA	Q	176152	151425	110822
	V	5345.82	4829.17	3684.94
	\$	771.33	690.70	502.87
GOA	Q	43782	21498	16549
	V	831.61	520.65	435.25
	\$	119.06	74.56	59.47
KARNATAKA	Q	148672	111465	121348
	V	1992.00	1520.10	1689.14
	\$	284.30	220.89	231.13
KERALA	Q	187848	163563	157698
	V	6312.92	5672.27	5623.12
	\$	911.02	810.44	766.76
TAMIL NADU	Q	133339	130377	110023
	V	6028.88	6465.71	5565.48
	\$	872.56	925.41	758.05
ANDHRA PRADESH	Q	261618	293314	279992
	V	13854.74	15498.64	15831.74
	\$	2007.29	2217.94	2154.55
ODISHA	Q	62608	66671	60718
	V	2974.12	3243.93	3107.68
	\$	432.29	465.01	422.46
WEST BENGAL	Q	89192	98626	88443
	V	3965.69	3910.95	3595.12
	\$	573.77	560.35	489.58
TOTAL	Q	1392559	1289651	1149510
	V	46589.37	46662.85	43720.98
	\$	6728.51	6678.70	5956.94