

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2078
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BOOSTING EXPORT OF SHRIMP CONTAINERS

2078. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the development of port clusters aims to boost maritime trade and export of shrimp containers to reduce congestion at major ports, if, so, the steps taken to ensure smooth coordination between different Ministries, including the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways;
- (b) if not, the reasons for not creating such clusters;
- (c) whether Government has a strategy for export of shrimp from the Krishnapatnam Port and also developing a new Ramayapatnam Port for enhancing shrimp exports there by foreign exchange;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (e) The Government, under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme, provides financial assistance to State Government, Union Territories and Implementing agencies for construction of fishing harbour, fish landing centres, modernization/ upgradation of existing fishing harbours and maintenance dredging of the fishing harbours. During the year last five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25, Rs.3490 crore have been allocated under the scheme. The scheme provides for sustainable investment in infrastructure with objective of enhancing production, productivity, exports and addressing key gaps including reduction of post harvest losses in various component of value chain.

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), a statutory body under Ministry of Commerce & Industry promotes and regulates the export of marine products. The initiatives by MPEDA for boosting shrimp exports are oriented towards production and processing and not port specific. To strengthen the export value chain, the Government has sanctioned projects adjacent to Major Ports namely, modernization and upgradation of fishing harbour at Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Paradip, Cochin and Mumbai Port with 100% financial assistances under PMMSY in convergence with Sagarmala at a total cost of Rs 651.14 Crores. During the financial year 2023-24, India exported an all-time high volume of 17,81,602 MT of Sea food worth Rs. 60,523.89 crore.
