

Need to increase production and export of shrimps-Laid

SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI (MACHILIPATNAM): With significantly contributing to the nation's economy, shrimp industry is the cornerstone of our seafood sector and is a growing force in the global markets. Even though we are leaders, and Andhra Pradesh being top in the country, shrimp export trend is not so encouraging. It has gone up from US\$ 5 billion in 2018 to US\$ 6 billion in 2021 and came down to about US\$ 5 billion last year. There are many factors and one important factor is shrimp productivity per hectare. Countries like Indonesia, Vietnam, China have achieved shrimp production of 15-20MT/hectare. Whereas, India's productivity remains at 1.6-4MT/hectare. There are technological, infrastructural and policy-related bottlenecks for this productivity gap. To address this, I appeal the Government of India to have collaborative exchange programmes with Indonesia, Vietnam, China, etc., and study their best practices and also adopt technological, infrastructural and policy-related bottlenecks to keep India as the leader in shrimp production, productivity and export.