

### **Regarding issues faced by Sea Food sector in Andhra Pradesh**

**SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):** Madam, this is a very important issue relating to my State. It is related to the seafood sector of Andhra Pradesh.

Madam, 11 per cent of our State's GDP, that is the GDP of Andhra Pradesh, is related to the seafood sector, seafood exports. Eight lakh farmers directly or indirectly get benefited by the seafood exports. 3.5 billion dollars of exports happen every year from Andhra Pradesh in seafoods. Last time, when we were burning the midnight oil, there was a tariff that has been imposed on India. There is 26 per cent of tariff that has been imposed on India, whereas the competing country, which is Ecuador, which competes with us in the seafood sector is only limited to 10 per cent. So, the conclusion is this. I know that we have so much confidence on the Prime Minister that he will be able to help this sector. But I request the Commerce Minister to look at this very seriously because this is a very important sector for Andhra Pradesh. There are eight lakh farmers who are involved in this. The economy is also very much intertwined with this.

So, I request the Commerce Ministry to look into this in a positive way.