

Need to address the problems arising out of recent imposition of tariff on aqua exports by USA.-laid

SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI (MACHILIPATNAM): US President announced 25% tariff on Indian exports plus penalty for buying oil and Defence equipment from Russia. Commerce Minister made Statement to this effect in Parliament on 31-07-2025. This has fallen like a bolt from the blue on aquaculture sector in India, since we are leaders in aquaculture exports. AP is leader in aquaculture production and exports. With 25% tariff + penalty and 5.77% Countervailing Duty, India will be nowhere with other competing countries like Ecuador which faces only 10% duty. Secondly, India is already suffering with less productivity? 1.6-4 MT per hectare when compared to 15-20 MT in Ecuador, Indonesia, Vietnam and China. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has also written letter in this regard to the Minister of Commerce to protect Indian aqua industry at any cost. Hence, I appeal hon. PM to personally intervene, discuss with US President and see that tariffs on aqua exports from India attract only 10% basic tariff.