

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW TECHNIQUES FOR MARINE PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether marine products are immensely contributing to India`s export growth;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are aware of new techniques adopted in the field of marine product in respective parts of the world of its infrastructural support of maintaining fish in a proper temperature level, container support for export and quick delivery system;
- (c) if so, whether Indian marine product producers and exporters are fully equipped with this infrastructure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) The share of exports of marine products in the India`s total export basket is around 2.7%. Exports of marine products during the year 2002-03 amounted to US \$ 1424.90 million showing a growth of 13.7% as compared to the previous year.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) to (e) Government have been taking several steps, which includes laying down the essential requirements for hygienic handling of seafood at all stages of production, storage and transport to ensure effective compliance of the quality standards; prescribing the maximum permissible level of chemicals and heavy metals; monitoring by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Export Inspection Council of India (EIC) of the processing units to ensure that required standards are followed schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases.