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PRAWN EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the MPEDA has been sanctioning funds for training and assistance to the farmers of prawn in any part of the country since 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers receiving assistance produced prawns for export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the foreign exchange earned through this trade; and
- (e) the details of export of prawns alongwith importing countries during last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is providing financial assistance and technical support to the shrimp / prawn farmers and exporters. For increasing brackish water and fresh water shrimp production, MPEDA is giving financial assistance for new farm development, setting up of new shrimp and scampi hatcheries, setting up of effluent treatment system in farms, setting up Polymerised Chain Reaction (PCR) labs (for early detection of viral diseases) in hatcheries, procurement of water testing kits for shrimp farms, setting up chilled room near farm areas, etc. Besides, training and inter-state study tours of farmers are also conducted by MPEDA to familiarize them with the types of culture practices.

(c) to (e) Generally, the financial assistance @ 25% of the capital cost, subject to certain conditions, is provided by MPEDA for augmenting production for exports.

The export figures are available port-wise and not State-wise. Japan, USA and European Union are the major importers of frozen shrimp / prawn from India. The details of shrimp / prawn exported to various countries during the last three years are as follows:

Year Quantity(In Tonnes) Value(In Rs. Crore)

2002-03	1,34,815	4,608.31
2003-04	1,29,768	4,013.07
2004-05		

(upto Feb`05)

(Provisional) 1,23,890 3,836.79