

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANTIDUMPING DUTY

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

(a) whether there is a consistent decline in the export of marine products due to adverse market conditions prevailing in the markets of USA, Japan and European Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on seafood sector in the country;

(c) the volume of export of marine products to these countries during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(d) the extent to which the share of overall exports declined to these countries; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to enhance exports of marine products to these countries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the export figures compiled by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) on the basis of shipping bills and invoices, the export of marine products amounted to US \$ 1478.48 million during 2004-05 as compared to US \$ 1330.76 million during 2003-04.

(c) & (d): The export of marine products to the USA, Japan and the European Union during the last three years and the current year (upto June, 2005) alongwith the share in overall export of marine product have been as follows:

(Quantity in Tonnes and Value in US Dollar Million)

2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 (upto June, 05)
(Provisional)

Export % share Export % share Export % share Export % share
USA

Quantity 61703 13.20 53153 12.90 50045 10.85 10648 12.32
Value 424.51 29.79 365.84 27.49 345.52 23.37 69.45 21.48

Japan

Quantity 54916 11.75 50020 12.14 57832 12.54 16719 19.34

Value 317.17 22.26 253.86 19.08 266.96 18.06 67.05 20.74

European Union

Quantity 94541 20.23 96284 23.37 117742 25.52 27492 31.81
Value 287.84 20.20 319.95 24.04 405.40 27.42 98.95 30.61

Total exports from India

Quantity	467297	100	412017	100	461329	100	86432	100
Value	1424.90	100	1330.76	100	1478.48	100	323.26	100

(e): In order to increase the export of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices; assistance for production of value-added products for export; and marketing support.