

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of export of marine products during the last 5 years and the amount of foreign exchange earned during the period particularly in Kerala;
- (b) whether in many countries Indian marine products have been banned as these were found to have been unhygienic;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government have been exercising any check on the quality/standard of products exported; and
- (e) remedial actions taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) As per export figures provided by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the exports of marine products from India, including Kerala, during the last 5 years and foreign exchange earned were as under:

Year	Value(In Million US \$)
1999-2000	1189.09
2000-2001	1416.32
2001-2002	1253.35
2002-2003	1424.90
2003-2004	1211.86 (Provisional)

State-wise exports of marine products are not maintained.

- (b) & (c) Only Saudi Arabia has banned import of fresh marine products from India on the ground of cholera, being present in India.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (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 quality standards; prescribing the maximum permissible level of chemicals and heavy metals; monitoring by the Marine Products Export Development Authority and the Export Inspection Council of India 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.