

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288  
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SHORTAGE OF REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS  
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of refrigerated containers at ports which deters the export of seafoods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the government to ensure the availability of adequate number of refrigerated containers at ports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c): No such shortage of refrigerated containers at ports which deters the export of seafoods has come to the notice. Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides overall policy and promotional support for the development of food processing industry in the country including seafood industry. Under its plan schemes, the Minister inter alia provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages for non horticulture produce (including seafood ) up to 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and Technical Civil Works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs.