

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2860
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IMPORT OF SEAFOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the sea food imported during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the effect of import on indigenous sea food industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up Special Economic Zones for the import and processing of sea foods; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(c) The total seafood products imported by India during the last three years were as under :

Year	Value(Rs. Crore)
2003-04	229.87
2004-05	220.20
2005-06	94.13

(Upto Feb, 2006)

The assessments indicate that the fish products imported were mostly for re-export.

(d)&(e) At present there is no proposal for setting up Special Economic Zones for the import and processing of sea food.