

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of new import policy of USA (anti dumping act) on Indian fish exports;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the total fishery export for the each of last three years, State-wise, category-wise;
- (d) whether steps have been contemplated to protect the prawn export industry of Kerala from the adverse effect of the import policy of USA;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the country through fish export; and
- (g) the details of foreign exchange earnings State-wise, category wise and country-wise for each of last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) Anti-dumping legislation is in existence in almost all countries, including the USA and India. Anti-dumping duties can be imposed by a country against imports from another country based on the price aspects. The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) of USA had filed an Anti-dumping action against selected shrimp exporting countries, including India, in the USA. The Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) has been taking necessary steps to defend the interests of shrimp exporters of India, including Kerala in this action. The Government have been providing all necessary assistance in this regard. The findings of the U.S. authorities in the case are yet to be announced.

State-wise figures of marine products exports are not maintained. However, the major country-wise and major variety-wise export of marine products and foreign exchange earned during the last three years, as per information available, are as follows:

(i) Major country-wise exports of marine products

Value : In Million US \$

Country 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 (Provisional)

USA	299.05	424.51	320.47
European Union	241.01	287.84	300.25
Japan	383.07	317.17	237.57
China	125.66	158.23	144.96
South East Asia	113.35	133.15	104.12
Middle East	38.10	42.40	41.46
Others	53.11	61.60	63.03

Total	1253.35	1424.90	1211.86
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(ii) Major variety-wise exports of marine products

Value: In Million US \$

Item	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (Provisional)
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Frozen Shrimp	871.03	953.44	783.00
Frozen Fish	150.04	174.63	127.90
Frozen Cuttle Fish	58.93	86.37	90.92
Frozen Squid	69.36	79.83	78.14
Dried Items	14.30	17.46	27.84
Live Items	8.54	11.12	10.07
Chilled items	13.39	12.27	12.55
Others	67.76	89.78	81.42
Total	1253.35	1424.90	1211.86