

## Press Release note

### India's seafood exports USD 7.45 billion in FY 2024-25

*Frozen shrimp major item of exports*

*USA, China are the top importers*

**Kochi, Date: 09.07.2025** : India has exported 1,698,170 metric tons (MT) of seafood valued at ₹62,408.45 crore (US\$7.45 billion) during the fiscal year 2024-25, according to Shri D.V. Swamy, IAS, Chairman of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). Frozen shrimp was the top exported item both in terms of quantity and value, while the USA and China emerged as the primary importers of Indian seafood.

Frozen shrimp remained the leading product in seafood exports, generating ₹ 43,334.25 crore (approximately US\$ 5,177.01 million). It accounts for 43.67% of the total quantity and 69.46% of total dollar earnings from seafood exports. During this period, shrimp exports increased by 8.30% in value (in ₹) and 6.06% in value (in US\$).

During the 2024-25 period, the total export of frozen shrimp was estimated at 741,529 metric tons (MT). The United States, being the largest market, imported 311,948 MT of frozen shrimp. This was followed by China with 136,164 MT, the European Union with 99,310 MT, Southeast Asia with 58,003 MT, Japan with 38,917 MT, the Middle East with 32,784 MT, and all other countries combined, which accounted for 64,403 MT. The exports of Vannamei, Black Tiger, and Scampi shrimp have shown an increase in both volume and value.

Frozen fish, the second largest exported item, generated ₹5,212.12 crore (US\$622.60 million). Frozen squid, the third largest exported item, earned ₹3,078.01 crore (US\$367.68 million) and has shown a positive export trend of 0.54% in terms of value in rupees.

The export of dried items reached 252,948 MT, earning ₹2,852.60 crore (US\$340.75 million). Meanwhile, frozen cuttlefish experienced growth in both volume and value, increasing by 9.11% in volume and 3.99% in value, with exports totaling 59,264 MT worth US\$285.57 million.

The export of chilled items earned ₹659.41 crore (US\$78.79 million). Export of live items showed a growth of 15.21% in value US\$ terms (US\$56.01 million).

In terms of overseas markets, the United States remained the leading importer of Indian seafood, with imports valued at approximately \$2,714.94 million and a total volume of 346,868 metric tons. Exports to the U.S. increased by 6.50% in dollar value, 8.76% in rupee value, and 5.37% in volume. Within the USA's seafood import basket from India, frozen shrimp had the lion's share of 92.55% in value.

China emerged as the largest seafood export destination from India in terms of quantity with 3,96,424 MT worth US\$ 1,276.58 million. European Union continued to be the third largest destination by US\$ terms, with an import of 2,15,080 MT worth US\$ 1,125.60 million. This was followed by South East Asia in value with an import of 3,47,541 MT worth US\$ 974.99 million. Japan continued to be the fifth largest importer in value with an import of 1,02,933 MT worth US\$ 411.55 million. Middle East is the sixth largest destination in value with an import of 65,956 MT worth US\$ 278.31 million.

The top two ports handled seafood cargo were Vizag and JNPT, Mumbai.

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