Global aquaculture production more than doubled in weight and value between 1986 and 1996, and it currently accounts for over one quarter of aquatic production consumed by humans.

Shrimps are the most popular seafood both in fresh and frozen forms. Strong market demand coupled with technological changes in production has resulted in expansion of shrimp farming in many countries. One important factor determining the success of farming is the availability of required quantity of seeds of the desired species at proper time. Although successful induced maturation of several penaeid shrimps in captivity has been achieved in different parts of the world, in the case of species such as tiger shrimp, wild broodstock continues to be preferred by most. However, dependence on wild stock has many problems such as inconsistency in availability, preferred species not being found in places where their culture is practised and because of restrictions being imposed by many countries on wild stock collection to protect their indigenous shrimp population.

Attainment of the stage of maturity

20 more Sea Food Processing Units receive EU approval

Based on the recommendation of Export Inspection Council, it is reported that approval to 20 more sea food processing units has been accorded by the EU. Readers are aware that 76 such units besides 8 fishing vessels with on board processing and storage facilities had received nod of the EU earlier. It is expected that the Indian seafood exports will go up consequent to the fresh approvals given by EU.

The authorities have stipulated a deadline for all the remaining sea food processing units to improve the facilities to meet the standards prescribed by EU. It is learnt that the export inspection council and MPEDA are now in the process of inspecting the remaining units which are awaiting approval of EU one after another. There has been a sea change in the attitude of the seafood exporters in respect of quality of products exported. Added to this there are on-going efforts on the part of the Seafood Exporters Association to ensure the adoption of a Code of Conduct by its members in respect of the quality of products and other standards to be complied with in respect of exported consignments.

Fish Market in Delhi soon to be shifted to Bazipur

The major fish market of Delhi is now located in Jama masjid area in old Delhi. This market known as J.M. Fish Market will soon be shifted in all likelihood in October / November to a newly build modern fish market complex at Bazipur, a suburb of Delhi.

According to a press note all steps are being taken for shifting the J.M. Fish Market to Bazipur. J.M. Market happens to be largest fish market in Northern India. The shifting is being done as the market is located very close to a Historical monument. Water connection to the new market at Bazipur is expected to be completed by October'99.