

Coimbatore, Madras Egmore and Madurai, Madras central and Salem and Madras Egmore and Tiruchchirappalli. Even the Brakevan space in the trains running in these sections is under-utilised.

[Translation]

Fish Production

6845. SHRI RATILAL VARMA :
SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the total fish/shrimp production in brackish and fresh water in Gujarat and Maharashtra separately;

(b) the quantum of fish/shrimp that can be stored in the coldstorages;

(c) the quantum of fish/shrimp that is exported and sold for domestic use; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the fish/shrimp production in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c). The details are as under :

	Gujarat	Maharashtra
(i) Total fish/shrimp production (provisional) in 1994-95 (in tonnes)		
Marine	6,30,000	3,53,000
Freshwater	70,000	64,000
Brackishwater	123	1,600
(ii) Estimated quantum of fish/shrimp that could be stored in cold storage (in tonnes)	11,500	16,000
(iii) Quantum of fish/shrimp exported and sold for domestic use (in tonnes)		
Export	76,500	57,500
Domestic consumption (approximately)	2,00,000	2,50,000

(Source : Respective State Governments)

(d) Some of the steps taken to increase the fish/shrimp production in these States include :

(i) Development of freshwater and brackishwater aquaculture through establishment of Fish Farmers' Development Agencies.

(ii) Encouraging establishment of semi-intensive shrimp/prawn farms, fish/shrimp/prawn seed

hatcheries, feed mills and processing plants in the Government, private/public sector.

(iii) Establishment of demonstration-cum-training centres at the State level for human resource development in the field of fish/shrimp farming.

(iv) Conservation, development and management of the fishery resources.

(v) Development of reservoir fisheries.

(vi) Development of coastal marine fisheries through motorisation of traditional craft, development of off-shore fisheries by introduction of mechanised fishing craft, pelagic fishing craft, etc., enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act and introduction of artificial reefs (in Maharashtra).

(vii) Creation of adequate infrastructural facilities for landing and berthing of fishing vessels and fish marketing.

[English]

For Forest Development

6846. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether funds allotted for Forest Conservation and wasteland development every year are not being utilised properly by the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, Statewise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Railway Line

6847. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA :
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is taking up the construction of Railway Line between Hubli and Karwar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.