

Japan had visited Delhi recently to discuss the question of Japanese aid for various projects of steel Authority of India Limited.

tute a major portion of the seafood exports of the country; and

Export of Shrimps and Prawns

6957. SHRI VAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the production of shrimps and prawns in the country?

(a) the shrimps and prawns exported during last three years, year-wise ;

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Quantity and value of Shrimps and prawns exported during the last three years are as follow:-

(b) whether shrimps and prawns consti-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. in crores)</i>
1985-86	50,349	329.82
1986-87	49,203	377.93
1987-88 (April '87-Jan'88)	43,165	355.09

(Source: MPEDA Cochin)

(b) Yes, Sir.

branch in the premises of Hotel Samrat and another in adjoining Ashoka Hotel are functioning;

(c) The Steps taken by Government to increase the production of shrimps and prawns include promotion of shrimp farming for augmenting production of cultured shrimps, setting up of prawn hatcheries and establishment of prawn seed banks.

(b) whether extension counter has been provided with the permission of the Reserve Bank of India;

SBI Extension Counter in Hotel Samrat Premises

6958. SHRI NARSING SURYAVANSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(c) how much expenditure GAIL is incurring on this extension counter of the SBI and the number of transactions carried out per day at the counter; and

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited has arranged for an extension counter of the State Bank of India although a full fledged established nationalised bank

(d) whether the business undertaken at the counter justifies the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K.GADHVI) : (a) and (b).\\ State Bank of