

for the components industry has been allowed to be imported at concessional duty.

- (iv) A number of components and other items have been allowed to be imported freely and a relatively small number of items has been kept in the negative list of imports.
- (v) Value based advance licensing has been introduced. This will especially help the electronics sector.

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Prithvi Missile

477. SHRI RAMSAGAR:
SHRI SANT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian army is not prepared for induction of surface-to-surface 'Prithvi' missile as a weapon system within the scheduled time as a reported in the Indian Express dated June 12, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total expenditure involved in the Prithvi missile programme?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No Sir, Indian Army is prepared to field PRITHVI as a tactical battlefield surface to surface missile system.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rs. 201.39 crores including Rs. 86.76 crores for establish facilities for Limited Series Production has been sanctioned.

Export of Shellac

478. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage the export of shellac; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the policy of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Export of shellac, in all forms, is freely permitted. The Govt. Policy encourages production and export of shellac by rendering assistance to the Shellac Export Promotion Council and the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd., in their efforts in this regard.

Clearance to Acquaculture Projects by MPEDA

479. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the details of the acquaculture and other projects, separately, cleared and financed by Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA) during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):