

Safety Measures in Mines

3653. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether around 60 lakh tonnes of coal extracted from mines of Maharashtra is exported to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the annual revenue earnings therefrom;

(c) whether safety gadgets have been installed in all the coal mines in Maharashtra for the help of workers in case of accidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the mines in which safety gadgets have not been installed till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Safety gadgets like main mechanical ventilators, detectors for inflammable and Noxious gases, fire fighting equipment, telephonic communication, self rescuers, personal protective equipment to workers, flame proof and intrinsically safe electrical equipment etc., have been provided in all the mines. First aid stations and dispensaries both underground and on surface are maintained for immediate medical attention. Emergency organisation for dealing with emergencies exist in all the mines. Services of rescue stations/rooms are also

available as per the statutory provisions for rescue and recovery works.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply given to parts (c) & (d) above.

Development of Marine Products by MPEDA

3654. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is interested with the development of marine production and export; and

(b) if so, how for the MPEDA encouraged the export, research and development of marine products during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) As per the Section 9 of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) Act, 1972, the Authority is required to promote the development of the marine products industry and take appropriate measures, with special reference to exports.

(b) For the purpose of encouraging the export, research and development of marine products, during the last three years, MPEDA has been implementing four major Plan Schemes. The expenditure incurred by MPEDA on these schemes as a whole and on components of the major schemes, where there has been significant expenditure, is given below :—

Source : MPEDA

Value : Rs. lakhs

S.No.	Name of the major scheme	Total Expenditure		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Export Production Capture Fisheries	219.32	215.55	259.37
2.	Export Production-Culture Fisheries	335.55	287.84	524.32
3.	Induction of New Technology & Modernisation of Processing Facilities	184.63	165.39	170.27
4.	Market Promotion	239.12	219.27	230.48
Total		976.62	888.05	1,184.44