

(b) if so, the quantity of fish likely to be imported from India by Italy; and

(c) the earnings therefrom?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Prior to the imposition of the ban, the quantity of marine products imported from India by Italy during from 1984-85 and 1985-86 was 135 tonnes valued at Rs. 35.37 lakhs and 284 tonnes valued at Rs. 51.55 lakhs respectively. Future export to Italy cannot be predicted precisely at this stage.

#### Import of sophisticated weapons

**4488. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has to depend heavily on imports for sophisticated weapons required for defence;

(b) if so, the steps taken during the past five years to reduce our dependence on imports from foreign countries; and

(c) the percentage of reduction in the import of sophisticated weapons in the last five years?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH):** (a) to (c). Selective import of sophisticated weapons is resorted to as and when the requisite equipment is not available indigenously.

Appropriate measures have been taken to reduce our dependence on imports through indigenous development/production of several systems.

[Translation]

#### Export promotion of sports goods

**4489. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to boost export of sports goods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measures initiated to boost export of sports goods include supply of essential indigenous raw materials as well as imported inputs at international prices to manufacturers for export production besides undertaking promotional activities to help industry to develop products and markets.

[English]

#### Production of sophisticated Radar by Bharat Electronics Limited

**4490. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) has commenced work on the production of a sophisticated radar to detect low flying objects; and

(b) if so, the details of progress made including time and funds likely to be involved in completing the first phase of the project?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This radar was originally developed by Electronics and Radar Development Establishment, Bangalore and is being produced.

It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose details regarding progress of the project implementation.

#### Transistor bomb explosion

**4491. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: