

(c) whether Orissa State Government have sought Centre's permission to allow the State Mining Corporation to export iron ore and manganese directly; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Export of Sea Foods

2410. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned through the export of sea foods in the year 1976-77;

(b) whether Government propose to provide the necessary fillip to increase the export of sea food; and

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a deep sea fishing centre at Mandapam, Tamilnadu in order to increase the export of sea food and seaweeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG):

(a) Foreign exchange earned through exports of sea food in the year 1976-77 provisionally amounts to about Rs. 189 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government proposes to provide the necessary fillip to increase the export of seafoods by various developmental measures, market and product research, publicity propaganda etc.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government at present.

Recruitment of Divisional Accountants in A.G.C.W. and M. New Delhi

2411. SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT:
SHRI D. G. GAWAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the result of the competitive examination held in February, 1976 for initial recruitment for the post of Divisional Accountants in the Office of the Accountant General Commerce, Works and Miscellaneous, Ansal Bhavan Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, has since been declared;

(b) if so, the number of candidates who appeared in the said examination and the names of those declared successful;

(c) the number of candidates who have since been given appointments; and

(d) the time by which all the remaining successful candidates will be appointed against the said posts?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1198 candidates appeared in the examination, out of which 112 were declared successful. A statement giving their names is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1291/77].

(c) and (d). The successful candidates were individually informed that the number of posts likely to be filled up as a result of the examination, including reservations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Departmental candidates, would be 20 in order of merit and on occur-