

Mechanised and Non-Mechanised Fishing

1661. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present country fishing boat and mechanised boats of 40 feet length or below can fish only in the sea upto 10 miles from the coasts;

(b) what is the estimated number of (i) mechanised and (ii) non-mechanised fishing boats engaged in fishing off the Indian Coasts at present; and

(c) what were the landings of marine fishes prawns and other edible item of marine product in 1978 and 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) While the country fishing boats normally operate within 10 miles from the coast, the mechanised fishing boats of 40 feet length or below can fish efficiently in depth upto 25 fathoms. The 25 fathom limit varies from coast to coast depending on the slope of the continental shelf.

(b) As per Livestock Census 1977, the estimated number of mechanised and non-mechanised fishing boats engaged in fishing off the Indian Coast is appended.

(c) Based on the data furnished by State Governments the provisional landings of prawns in 1978 were 2.00 lakh tonnes and of other marine fishes including other edible items of

marine products were 12.72 lakh tonnes. For the year 1979, similar information is not yet available.

Statement

State	(provisional figures in '000)	
	No. of mechanised boats	No. of non-mechanised boats.
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	44
2. Gujarat . . .	2	5
3. Karnataka . . .	1	10
4. Kerala . . .	3	30
5. Maharashtra . . .	3	7
6. Orissa . . .	NA	NA
7. Tamil Nadu . . .	2	32
8. West Bengal . . .	NA	NA
9. Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . .	(a)	1
10. Goa Daman & Diu	(a)	3
11. Lakshadweep . . .	(a)	1
12. Pondicherry . . .	(a)	2

(a) denotes below 500.

(NA) denotes not available.

Frog Farming

1662. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have investigated the scope of frog-farming in India;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether attempts of private entrepreneurs in frog farming in Kerala and Maharashtra States has invariably failed; and