

Capacity of Fish Canning

5798. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of the fish canning industry of India in 1979-80;

(b) how much of that installed capacity was actually used during the above period;

(c) the incentives, if any, given by Union Government for fish canning; and

(d) the estimated total value of canned fish produced in India during the above year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) There are 64 canning factories in India with an installed capacity of 238 tonnes per day.

(b) Figures of Production for canned fish are not yet available.

(c) The fish canning industry is eligible for the following types assistance from the Government:

1. Import Replenishment

S. No.	Percentage	Material permitted for import
(i) <i>Canned Fish</i>		
(a) Canned Sardines	35	Tin Plate Prime OTS Quality/OTS cans Aluminium sardine cans ringpull/tear off.
(b) Other canned fish	10	Same as above.

2. Cash Compensatory Support

- (a) Shrimp pickle, or preparations thereof
 - (i) On exports to North and South America and the Carribean 7 5 per cent
 - (ii) Export, to other destinations 5 per cent
- (b) Canned Sardines and canned tuna 5 per cent

Duty Drawback Rate for Packing Materials used for Export of Marine Products

- (a) On master Cartons Rs. 1 35 per kg.
- (b) On Rayon Tapes Rs. 2 70 per kg.
- (c) On sanitary cans, dingley cans (including parts thereof) when exported in flattened form or otherwise or when used as container for export of fish and fish products Rs. 2677 00 per tonne.

(d) The total value of canned fish produced in 1979-80 is not available. The value of canned marine products

exported during 1979-80 was however Rs. 144 lakhs.