

Export of Canned fish

2678. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority has studied the possibilities of exporting canned fish such as sardines, mackerels, Tuna and seer fish and if so, what are the possibilities; and

(b) what were the quantities and values thereof of canned fish exported

from India from 1975 onwards, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Studies conducted by Marine Products Export Development Authority have revealed potential markets for canned sardines, canned mackerels, canned Tuna in Singapore, West Europe, West Asia and U.S.A.

(b) The details of exports of canned fish exported from India from 1975 onwards are as follows:—

Q : Quantity in Tonnes
V : Value in Rs. lakhs.

Items		1975	1976	1977	1978	1979 (Jan. August)	1980 (Jan. August)
1. Canned Sardines	Q :	—	41	11	Neg.	—	—
	V :	—	5.34	1.41	Neg.	—	—
2. Canned Tuna	Q :	—	—	22	14	Neg.	—
	V :	—	—	3.49	2.20	0.16	1.05
3. Canned Fish	Q :	Neg.	2	—	1	2	—
	V :	Neg.	0.26	—	0.20	0.80	—
TOTAL	Q :	Neg.	43	38	15	2	3
	V :	Neg.	5.60	4.90	2.40	0.96	1.05

Staff strength of the Marine Products Export Development Authority

2679. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the following details:

(a) the category-wise staff strength of the Marine Products Export Development Authority as on 1-4-80;

(b) the basic and/or special qualifications, if any, prescribed for each category;

(c) the total wage/salary bills of each category per month in 1979 and the first three months of 1980; and

(d) the number of persons on deputation from Central and States services in the M.P.E.D.A., as on 1-4-80

and the total deputation allowances of employees and officers on such deputation in January, February and March, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) The category-wise staff strength of the Marine Products Export Development Authority is as follows:

Group A	30
Group B	35
Group C	119
Group D	23

(b) The basic and/or special qualifications are not prescribed category-wise. Qualifications are prescribed for individual posts according to job requirements.