

Rs. 3522.80 crores, as against Rs. 5775.17 crores in 1980-81.

(b) A series of export promotion measures have been taken to step up exports. These include removal of licensing constraints on export production, setting up of hundred per cent export oriented units all over the country and EXIM Bank, simplification and rationalisation of duty drawback, fiscal concessions on exports etc.

(c) A sharp rise in the deficit of India's foreign trade in recent period is attributed mainly to phenomenal increase in the value of imports in the wake of steep rise in international prices of POL. The growth of exports had also been hampered by both external and domestic constraints. These include set back in production resulting from shortage of power and basic input, world recession and protectionist policies followed by developed countries.

Export of Fish from Orissa

90. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of export of fish from Orissa to foreign countries during the years 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82; and

(b) steps taken to promote export trade from Orissa sea fishing?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The figures of export of fish from Orissa from the year 1979-80 onwards are given below:—

Year	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1979-80 . . .	2346	1238.92
1980-81 . . .	2409	1137.74
1981-82 . . . (Apr.— Dec.)	2385	1320.82

(b) The following steps have been taken to promote export trade from

Orissa sea fishing—

(i) For improvement of fish landing centres, Rs. 2.77 lakhs have been sanctioned to the State Government by the MPEDA;

(ii) 522 insulated fish boxes have been distributed to the boat owners, processors and exporters from Orissa State;

(iii) For exploring new markets for established products and for new products, the MPEDA provides financial assistance by way of reimbursement of airfreighting charges for samples;

(iv) The MPEDA has opened a Prawn Farming Office for providing technical guidance to prawn farmers in the State of Orissa;

(v) Exporters from Orissa are selected as members of sales teams/delegations sponsored by the MPEDA and nominated for marketing development assistance for attending international trade fairs;

(vi) An export potential survey of seafood in Orissa is being conducted by the MPEDA.

Investment in National Saving Certificates by Indians Abroad

91. SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government that Indians settled or staying abroad, be allowed to invest funds in National Savings Certificates with the same facilities which they are getting at present; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Union Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) A suggestion that the concession of income-tax free interest on investments of non-residents in small savings schemes may be brought on par with similar concession allowed for invest-