

[English]

**Setting up of Sea-food Procurement Centre at Portonovo in Tamil Nadu**

756. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a sea-food procurement centre at Portonovo in South Arcot District of Tamil Nadu to promote sea-food exports;

(b) whether the Government also propose to advance loans and grants to fishermen to promote export oriented fishing; and

(c) the other schemes under the consideration of the Government to promote sea-food export from Portonovo?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Credit for fishing activity is available through normal banking channels. Government also implements various schemes through Marine Products Export Development Authority for promoting sea-food industry to augment export of marine products.

(c) No separate scheme to promote sea-food export from Portonovo alone is under consideration.

**Imports through Replenishment Licences**

757. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of import in terms of rupee through the replenishment licences during January-June, 1991;

(b) the quantum of replenishment (REP) licences and special kind of REP licences issued during the period;

(c) the items covered under the special kind of replenishment licences; and

(d) what type of control the Government envisage as far as replenishment licences are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Import statistics are compiled commodity-wise. Therefore, it is not possible to provide figures separately in respect of imports through the REP licences;

(b) As per the data available the following licences were issued during January-March, 1991:—

	No. (Actual)	Value (Rs. crores)
(i) Advance Licences . . . . .	2629	668
(ii) Special Imprest Licences . . . . .	79	103
(iii) Imprest Licences . . . . .	165	471
(iv) Additional Licences . . . . .	295	219
(v) Duty Free Licences . . . . .	..	..
(vi) REP Licences . . . . .	23282	1303
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>26450</b>	<b>2764</b>