

Strengthening of Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam

1543. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the improvement and strengthening of the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The facilities at the Eastern Naval Command are being developed commensurate with the requirements of the Navy. Further details cannot be divulged, for security reasons.

Import of Timber and Pulp.

1544. PROF UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of

COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government allow import of timber and pulp; and

(b) if so, the details of imports made during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Import of all kinds of timber logs (if sawn and rectangular or square, the minimum size of the logs should be 10 cm x 10 cm x 2 m if cylindrical the minimum size of the log should be 10 cm dia x 2 m length) are allowed for import under OGL by all persons, and wood pulp of all types except rayon grade wood pulp are allowed for import under OGL. Import of Rayon Grade wood pulp is allowed against special licences issued to AU (Indl) in the Small Scale Sector, and against Exim Scrips.

(b) As per the data available, details, in respect of import of timber and pulp during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are contained in the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Value : Rs. Lakhs

Sl.No.	Description of Items	Unity of Qty.	1986-87		1987-88		1988-89	
			Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1.	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Pulp wood in the round or quarter	Split	—	—	—	—	—	—
2.	Pulp wood in chips or particles		—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Wood waste (incl. saw-dust)	Tons	—	—	4969	42.57	—	—
4.	Sawlogs and veneer logs, of ciniferous species	Tons	—	3089.68	60273	144.98	10698	338.56
5.	Sawlogs and veneer logs of non-coniferous species	Cum	160065	3194.86	371799	5779.78	545390	13619.81
6.	Pitropps, poles, piling posts and other wood in thorough, n.e.s	Tons	145290	3520.49	8221	157.23	—	65.44

Source: Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol.II (Imports) published by DGCI&S, Calcutta.