Heavy landings of prawn *Peneaeus indicus* at Narasapuram, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh*

An unusually heavy catch of the prawns *Peneaeus indicus* was recorded at Narasapuram landing centre on 27-7-'95 by the Trammel net *Disco vala*. The units were operated 8 km southeast of the centre at a depth of 35-40 m. Each unit brought an average of 30 kg of *P. indicus* and the total catch realised on that day by all units was estimated at 1.5 t. It was observed that the middle men purchased the prawn at the rate of Rs. 330/- per kg, which was later sold to fishing industries at the rate of Rs. 370/- per kg. Prawn catch in such quantities in *Disco vala* is uncommon along the Andhra Pradesh coast.

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