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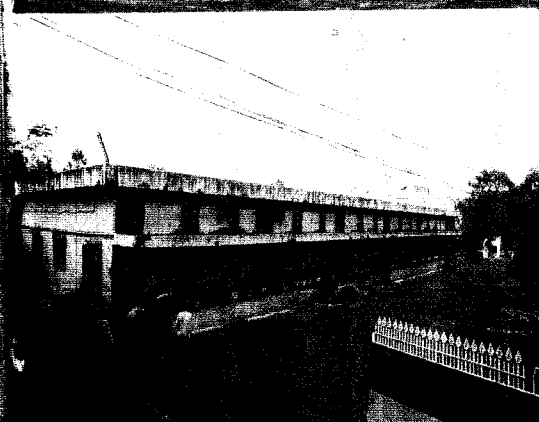
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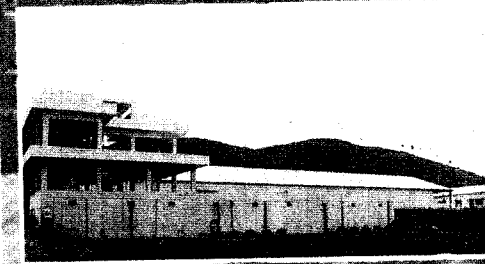
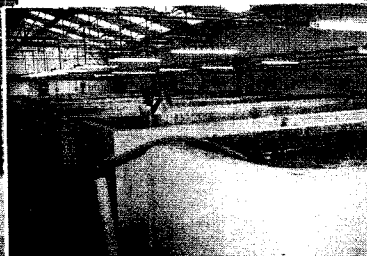
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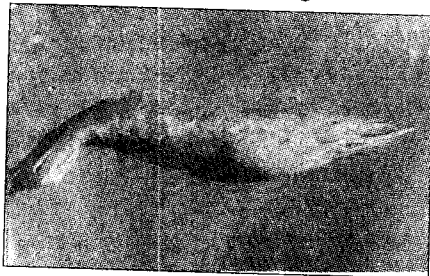
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Occurrence of *Dorodotes* shrimp off Mumbai Coast

Heterocarpoides levicarina Bate is known as *Dorodotes* shrimp. It is small in size. It had not been so far recorded off Mumbai coast. Now due to the enlargement of operational range of mechanised country trawlers to deeper areas, this shrimp has been located in the landings for the first time. This species is in addition to the list of prawns and shrimps recorded by Kunju (1967) for Maharashtra state.

Holthuis (1980) reported about 45 mm length for the species. The specimen studied by the author however showed a

length of more than 50 mm. Identification of the species is easy because of the unique carination of abdominal segments. Its



Heterocarpoides levicarina (Bate)

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commercial potential requires further study. Nevertheless there is now evidence that it occurs off Maharashtra coast and this is the first record.

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