



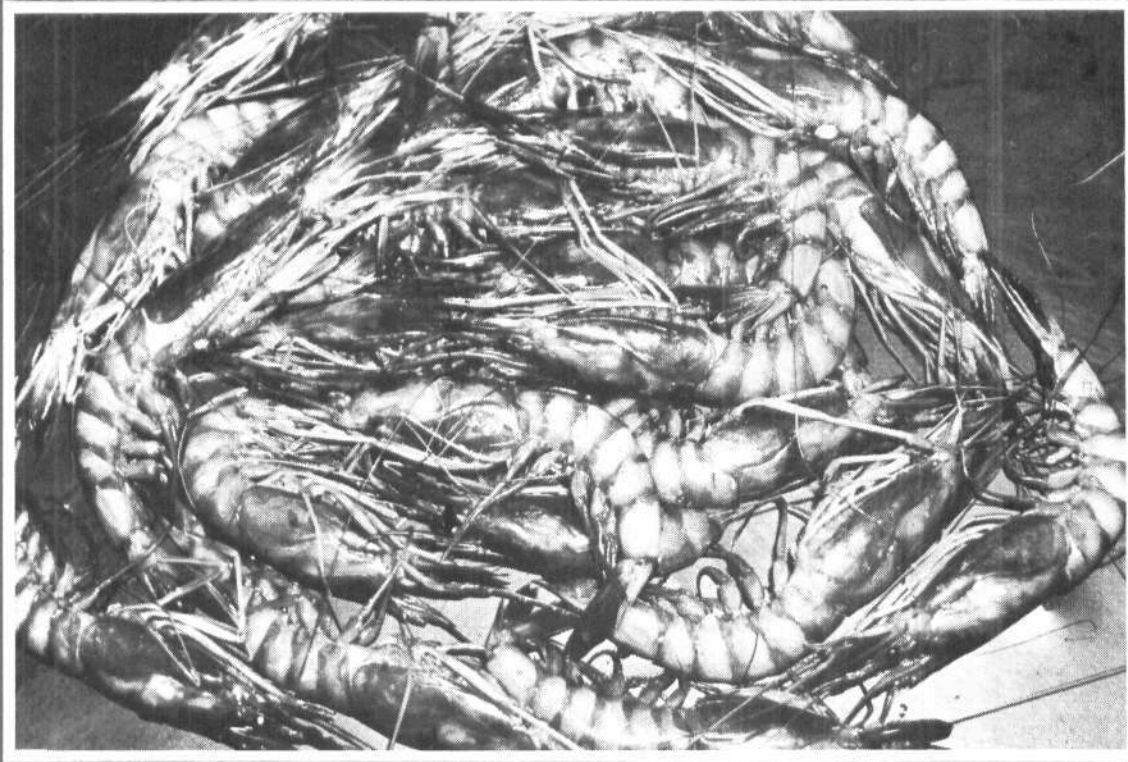
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### **On the disco net operated along Midnapur district, West Bengal\***

The introduction of the encircling net also termed disco net and locally called *Ghanajal*, (Figs. 1) has created great awareness in recent years along the Midnapur district, West Bengal. It is operated throughout the year. The net measures about 500 m in length and has a width of 20 m and the mesh sizes varying between 1.5 and 5.0

cm. The disco net made up of decron nylon yarn costs about Rs. 76,000/-. These nets are operated by 12-16 fishermen in shallow coastal waters at the depth of 7-8 m with the help of plank built boats called *Patia*. The important species caught include silver bellies, whitebaits, ribbonfishes, croakers, mullets and *Acetes* sp.

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