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40. In coastal states, fisheries is an important source of food supply and employment. The contribution of fisheries to the net domestic product has increased from Rs. 1479 crore in 1984-85 to Rs. 10156 crore in 1995-96 at current prices showing about seven times increase in eleven years. The trend of fish production and export is listed in Table 8.23. The target for fish production in 1997-98 is 53.6 lakh tonnes comprising 29.2 lakh tonnes from marine and 24.4 lakh tonnes from inland waters.

TABLE 8.23 Fish Production and Export of Marine Products					
Year	Fish production (Lakh tonnes)			Export of Marine products Quantity Value	
	Marine	Inland	Total	(Lakh Tonnes)	(Rs. Crore)
1989-90	22.8	14.0	36.8	1.0	635
1990-91	23.0	15.4	38.4	1.4	873
1995-96	27.1	22.4	49.5	3.0	3501
1996-97(P)	29.7	23.8	53.5	3.8	4121
1997-98(T)	29.2	24.4	53.6	—	—
P : Provisional T : Target					