

FISH PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN KERALA

255. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new fish processing industries in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the equity participation scheme as approved by the Ministry of Commerce, Marine Products Export Development Authority will set up new processing industries in collaboration with the following promoters in Kerala, namely, (i) Koluthara Exports Ltd., Cochin; and (ii) Integrated Rubian Exports Ltd., Aroor.

These proposals have been examined and the Technical Committee of the authority approved MPEDA's equity participation in these projects. These two projects are meant for IQF Marine products for export purpose.

MICROWAVE LINK BETWEEN TRIVANDRUM AND DELHI

256. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for micro-wave linkage between Trivandrum and Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Request has been received for linking Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum with Doordarshan Kendra,

Delhi. A microwave link is presently available between Delhi and Mangalore. In order to establish a microwave link between Trivandrum and Delhi Doordarshan Kendras, a firm demand has been placed with the Department of Telecommunications for extension of the existing microwave link between Trivandrum and Calicut to Mangalore.

SETTING UP OF TV STATIONS AND TV STUDIOS IN KERALA

257. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up T.V. Stations and T.V. Studios in Kerala during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the existing T.V. Stations and Studios in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter in replacement of the existing low power transmitter, is under implementation at Calicut in Kerala, as a spill-over scheme from the VII Plan. Any further expansion of TV service in the State under the VIII Plan depends upon the overall size of the Plan outlay to be made available by the Planning Commission.

PROPOSAL OF TV SECOND CHANNEL FROM HYDERABAD

258. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to make available the proposed second channel from Hyderabad Doordarshan to the State Government;