

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The existing Low Power TV Transmitter at Pattanamthitta in Kerala is working on full radiating power and is reported to be providing satisfactory service within its coverage area. However, population in certain areas/pockets may not get satisfactory service due to shadow areas caused by intervening hills.

(b) and (c). In order to improve TV service in the area, the height of the existing transmitting tower at Pattanamthitta is envisaged to be increased further. There is no proposal, at present, to increase the power of the existing transmitter there.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Deep-Sea Fishing Vessels**

1647. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deep-sea fishing vessels which lay idle in Visakhapatnam Port during the current fishing season, starting from July 1, 1993;

(b) whether the Government have made any efforts to encourage resumption of fishing activity by the idle vessels: and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Forty-one deep sea fishing vessels lay idle in Visakhapatnam Port during the current fishing season starting from July 1, 1993.

(b) and (c). The following assistance is being given to the deep sea fishing sector as a

whole:-

- (i) Provision of 33% subsidy on the cost of indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels.
- (ii) Provision of loan facility on soft terms by SCICI Ltd.
- (iii) Assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports.
- (iv) Training of deep sea fishing operatives for manning the fishing vessels.
- (v) Assistance for diversified fishing.
- (vi) Price reimbursement on HSD consumed by Export Oriented deep sea fishing vessels.
- (vii) Equity participation by Marine Products Export Development Authority in deep sea fishing projects.
- (viii) Rehabilitation assistance to sick deep sea fishing units.
- (ix) Assistance under the Plan Scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing industries.

The Government has also constituted a Technical Committee to look into the problems of sick deep sea fishing industry in India.

#### **Pak Pressure on UN Human Rights Sub-Commission**

1648. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has stepped up its pressure on the U.N. Human Rights sub-