

reimburses a part of the cost of HSD consumed by deep sea fishing vessels exporting at least 25% of their catch. The

quantum of assistance released to Visakhapatnam based deep sea trawlers is as follows:—

Year	No. of Cos.	No. of Vessels	Amount Released (Rs. lakhs)
1992-93	18	30	100.22
1993-94	17	47	125.30

There is no scheme to extend working capital assistance to deep sea trawler owners.

#### **Declaration of National Waterways**

6823. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Mandovi and Zuari rivers as national waterways;

(b) if so, the stage at which the proposal stands at present; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Concurrence of the State Government of Goa for declaring Mandovi-Zuari rivers and Cumbarjua Canal was sought. This issue is under consideration of the State Government.

#### **Visit of Leader of Awami League**

6824. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Awami League Leader Ms. Sheikh Hasina recently met the Prime Minister and the Vice-President;

(b) if so, whether the issue of continuance of the Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Treaty of 1973 was taken up for discussion; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes Sir, the Awami League Leader Sheikh Hasina paid courtesy calls on the Prime Minister and the Vice-President on March 7, 1994 during a private visit to India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Green Post Boxes**

6825. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether green post boxes are being used by the Department of Posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof with their objectives;