

and strengthening of (1) Alwaye-Vyttila and (2) Aroor-Sherthalai section on National Highway No. 47 in Kerala;

(b) if so, the fund financed by Asian Development Bank for these projects;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether there is any delay in commencing of these projects; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) US \$ 22.06 million has been provided for this work.

(c) September, 1997

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Violation by Deep Sea Vessels

6857. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether deep sea fishing vessels often violate the 12-nautical mile limit demarcated for their operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING

INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) to (c). Deep sea fishing vessels are not permitted to operate within territorial waters, where it is the exclusive right of traditional fishermen to fish. Recently, some fishermen's Associations have alleged that deep sea fishing vessels are encroaching in their area, though no specific instances have been mentioned. The Ministry has, however, constituted an Expert Committee for making an indepth study of the alleged violations in consultation with the concerned State Governments and to suggest remedial measures.

Ship Building Sector

6858. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Poland has offered its expertise in shipbuilding sector;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An offer for collaboration for building a certain type of ships has been received from a shipyard in Poland.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.