

(e) and (f) In order to phase out the operation of chartered foreign fishing vessels in the Indian EEZ, the Government has already scrapped the 1989 Charter policy. Further, the 1981 Charter Policy has been phased out and no requests for extension of Charter Permits under this Policy, are entertained now. Only the 1986 Policy is in operation now.

(c) A total number of 15 chartered foreign fishing vessels are operating in the Indian EEZ as on 14.12.1994.

#### Statement

*Salient Features of the findings in the Report of FAO Consultant on study of deep sea fishing development in India*

- (1) Indian deep sea fishing fleet has the technical & managerial capacity to continue & diversify its fishing operations.
- (2) An available fishery resource of 1,64,000 tonnes can be exploited annually, having an export value of about US \$ 280 million, by the deep sea fishing vessels.
- (3) Gradual and phased redeployment of the deep sea fishing fleet and collection of catch data is necessary to enable an effective fisheries management.
- (4) Three types of demonstration commercial fishing, namely Oceanic Pelagic long lining, deep water trawling, Demersal lining & trapping, to establish commercial viability of diversified fishing operations, should be taken up.
- (5) Incentives and Credit facilities should be given to deep sea fishing industry for diversified fishing operations.

#### Bridge in Kerala

1695. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of work on Aror Arukutty bridge at Alleppey in Kerala;

(b) whether the pace of work on this bridge is very slow;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work; and

(d) the time by which the bridge is likely to be completed and the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The work of foundation and substructure is in progress. The progress is reported to be 10% upto 3/94.

(b) and (c): The progress of the work has been slow. Aror Arukutty bridge is a State Road Project approved under Central Road Fund scheme for which the State Government of Kerala is primarily responsible. The State Government is reported to have earmarked an additional amount of Rs. 70 lakhs for this project and the progress of work has picked up.

(d) The bridge is likely to be completed by April, 1996 and the likely cost of completion is about Rs. 970 lakhs.

#### New National Highways

1696. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new National Highways on extension of the existing National Highways on which work was taken up during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the land acquired for the above purpose; and

(c) the cost of acquisition of land and of extension of the highway development works?

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

(a): During the last one year, no new addition to the N.H. network was made due to meagre allocation of funds under the Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Plan.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

#### Post office buildings in Orissa

1697. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post office buildings under construction in Orissa with locations thereof; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):

(a) and (b) The list of post office building under construction in Orissa and the likely date of completion of these projects is given in the attached statement. These projects will be completed within the target date subject to availability of funds and other resources.

#### Statement

Sl. No.	Name of post office buildings under construction in Orissa Circle.	Likely date of completion.
1	2	3
1.	Athagarh HO	31. 3.95
2.	Tigiria SO	31. 3.95
3.	Jaipur HQ	31.12.94
4.	Jaipur Road SO	31. 3.95
5.	Ersama SO	31. 3.95
6.	Madhuban SO (Paradeep)	30. 6.95
7.	Biribati SO	31. 3.95
8.	Hindol SO	31. 1.95
9.	Pallahara SO	31. 3.95
10.	Nayagarh HO	31. 3.95
11.	Puri HO	31. 5.95
12.	Kakatpur SO	31. 5.95